

They reached the 1962 Anglo-Irish route some 300 meters from the summit. They did not, however, continue all the way to the summit.

Paine South Tower, East Face, 1986. After their ascent of the Central Tower of Paine (A.A.J., 1987, page 216), Elio Orlandi, Maurizio Giarolli and Ermanno Salvaterra on November 20, 1986 were joined by Ginella Paganini to repeat the difficult 1963 Armando Aste route on the South Tower of Paine. Bad weather had forced them to wait a couple of weeks between their ascents. The weather was beautiful and they made fast progress. They reached the summit at nine o'clock on the second morning. Orlandi became the first person to climb all three of the Paine Towers.

Central Tower of Paine, South-Southwest Face, 1986. Italians climbed a new route on the south-southwest face of the Central Tower of Paine. The route, which rises from the col between the central and south towers, crosses the bottom of the Kearney-Knight route. The climb gained 800 meters on excellent, vertical granite. The difficulties were UIAA VI and A3. They made three attempts and spent five nights bivouacking on the wall. They finally got to the summit on December 24, 1986 and made another bivouac on the descent. The climbers were Dario Spreafico, Carlo Besana, Renato Da Pozzo, Marco Ballerini and Norberto Riva.

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Torre Norte del Paine, South Spur, and Torre Sur, North Spur, Winter Ascents. Luca Leonardi and I left Italy on June 10 hoping to climb one of the Paine towers in winter. There had never been even a winter attempt before in the Paine group. On June 20, we got to Base Camp on the Río Ascensio. We decided on the south spur of the North Tower. After an unsuccessful attempt turned back by bad weather, on June 28 at four P.M. we got to the summit. Considering the little time we had left, we decided to try the highest of the three towers, the South Tower, by the Armando Aste route on the north spur. After carrying all our gear to the base and carving a snow hole, we fixed 200 meters of rope in two days. Seeing a definite improvement in the weather on July 10, we set out with full equipment. Toward evening, we got to the shoulder, where we could bivouac quite comfortably. The next day, July 11 at six P.M., we got to the summit. In the 40 days we were in the Paine Park, we had three good days, much wind and -25° C temperatures. There was not much snowfall.

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Southern Summer Climbing Season in Patagonia, 1987-8. Just a few days ago (written on February 19, 1988), Sebastián de la Cruz returned from the