

*Everest.* Our international group consisted of Frenchmen Michel Vincent, leader, Jean-Pierre Maurus, Phillipe Arvis, Spanish Basque José Luis Sesma, Mexican Oscar Rodríguez, Canadian John Arnold, Sherpani Pasang Lhamu, and Americans David Powers and me. Arnold and I had originally been with another American team but switched when invited by Vincent. We arrived at Base Camp on September 5. With our Sherpas, we prepared the standard route with the six other expeditions. We put in the route between Camps II and III on the lower Lhotse Face. All nine members reached Camp IV on the South Col on September 24, but no one got above 8200 meters due to wind and stove malfunctions. A second attempt failed in even higher winds. At that time, all but Vincent, Arnold and I gave up. Finally, on October 7, Vincent made a solo ascent from Camp IV. On October 9, I successfully climbed solo to the summit.

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*Skiing Off Mount Everest.* In the pre-monsoon season, German Reinhard Patscheider skied down the normal South Col route on Mount Everest from 8400 meters. His record was beaten on September 27 when Frenchman Pierre Tardivel skied from the South Summit (8748 meters, 28,702 feet). He used supplementary oxygen during his descent. Also in the spring, Hans Kammerlander and Norbert Joos skied down from 7800 meters on the north side of Everest.

*Everest, Winter Attempt.* Ten British climbers and an American under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Philip Neame unsuccessfully attempted to climb Everest via the South Col. They reached a high point of 7850 meters on the Lhotse Face on December 22.

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*Everest Solo Winter Attempt and Death of a Sherpa, 1993.* Spaniard Fernando Garrido made an unsuccessful solo attempt on the South Col route on Mount Everest. He was helped by a few Nepalese climbers to get safely through the Khumbu Icefall and to stock Advance Base at 6400 meters. On January 15, 1993, Ang Tshering Sherpa was carrying a load into the Cwm when he plunged into a bottomless crevasse. On February 3, Garrido made a bid to reach the South Col, but he was too tired to get above 7750 meters. This was his high point.

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*Pumori Pre-Monsoon Attempt, Ascent and Tragedy.* Two Germans and an Austrian led by Christof Drechsel attempted to climb Pumori (7161 meters, 23,494 feet) by the normal route. They reached a high point of 6300 meters on March 24. Some time later, a South Korean expedition of five, led by Seo Seoung-Soo, attempted the peak. On May 12, the leader Seo, Seo Yeong-Deok, Kim Baek-Gyoon and Nepalese Bhakta Bahadur Rai completed the 73rd ascent

of the mountain by the seldom climbed southwest ridge. They returned to their high camp and vanished. When a teammate and a Sherpa went up to learn what had become of them, they found that an avalanche had swept the high camp completely away. The only thing remaining at the site was one glove lying on the snow. Their bodies have not been found.

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*Pumori, Post-Monsoon Ascents, Attempts and Tragedy.* A number of ascents of Pumori (7161 meters, 23,494 feet) were made in the post-monsoon period, all by the southeast face and east ridge except where noted. An expedition of 8 Swiss and 2 Germans was led by Norbert Joos. Leader Joos, Martin Zingg and Peter Marugg on October 21, Ernst Marti on the 23rd and Daniel Santschi on the 25th reached the summit; all were Swiss. Americans Scott Hartl and Tom Rosencrans of Hartl's seven-member expedition climbed to the summit with the Swiss on October 21. Eight French climbers were led by Michel Richard. Along with Swiss Santschi, Richard and Sarki Nuru Lama Sherpa reached the top on October 25. All of another Swiss expedition led by Olivier Roduit ascended to the summit by the southwest and south ridge up and down the southeast face: Cédric Bersandi, Daniel Compte and Pierre de Mestral on October 27 and Paul-Victor Amoudruz and Roduit on October 29. Unsuccessful were 13 Canadians, an American and a Briton led by Stephen Adamson, who got to 6850 meters on October 16; 7 Netherlands led by Kick van Koningsbrugge, who reached 6950 meters on October 16; and 4 Germans led by Christian Fütterer, whose high point was 6200 meters on September 19. Seven Koreans led by Lee Jae-Won were unable to get higher than 6100 meters on the southwest ridge, which they reached on September 30. Kim Jun-Ho, 19 years old, fell fatally ill on September 16, apparently a victim of altitude sickness, a day or so short of Base Camp. His Korean teammates went on with the climb, but their hearts were not in it.

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*Pumori, Winter Attempt.* South Korean Shinji Sasaoka failed to climb the northeast face of Pumori solo. He reached 6700 meters on December 25.

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*Lobuje East and Kwangde Shar, 1990.* Micha Miller and I climbed Lobuje East on the Bibler-Freer route on the east ridge (5.9, A1) on mostly solid rock, before we merged with the normal route. We did the climb alpine-style in five days. We also climbed the classic northeast buttress on Kwangde Shar, the perfect ridge seen from Namche dropping directly from the summit. We took five days to climb some 35 pitches (4 to 5.8). We descended into the remote Lumding valley, which added to the adventure.

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