

at 3625 meters on August 5, 1991. They established Camp I at 4800 meters on the north face on August 12 and Camp II on the west ridge at 5900 meters the next day. They climbed to the summit on August 14, 1991.

*P 5550 and Badshani, above Pasu Glacier.* Jonathan Preston and I arrived at the Pasu Glacier on August 9, hoping for a month's climbing on worthwhile alpine objectives below 6000 meters to make full use of Pakistan's trekking regulations. One week into the expedition, we had to retreat to the valley since I was suffering from a severe bout of Acute Mountain Sickness. Preston returned to Base Camp soon after and soloed both of our main objectives. One was a 700-meter gully line on the south face of P 5550 (18,209 feet), just to the east of Darmyani (6090 meters) on the northern side of the glacier. The line climbed directly to the summit. Descent was via the east face. The second route was the beautiful 1400-meter-high north face of Badshani (5640 meters, 18,504 feet) on the south side of the glacier. The climb took two days on sustained ice with some mixed ground on the northwest ridge near the top (Alpine Grade TD, Scottish IV crux pitches). In the local Wakhi language, the peak is known as Fiyag. Both are probably first ascents.

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*Bublimotin Attempts.* Frenchmen Michel Fauquet, Robert Balestra, Marc Guiot and Henri Vincens had hoped to climb the fantastically steep southeast face of Bublimotin, which soars to about 6000 meters on the southern edge of the Batura-Pasu massif. They had barely established Base Camp when the whole face seemed to explode, showering them with rock and ice. Luckily, they were able to take shelter from the falling debris, but they lost much of their gear and had to abandon the expedition. Slovenes Marko Lukič and Miha Praprotnik also had hoped to climb the same face but they backed off because of snow avalanches.

*Sani Pakkush, 1991.* Our expedition was composed of Arnfried Braun, Hans Jud, Daniel Ketterer, Leo Klimmer and me as leader. On July 13, 1991, we reached Bar at the end of the dirt road from Chalt in the Hunza Valley. We followed the East Kukuar Glacier for five days to Base Camp at 4200 meters below the west face of Sani Pakkush. After a reconnaissance, we left Base Camp on July 25 without Jud, who was ill. On the second day, we set up Camp II at 5700 meters. On the third day, Braun and I climbed the 400-meter-high ice face, which rose up to 65° with powder snow on the surface, while Ketterer and Klimmer returned to Camp I for ice screws and rope. On the fourth day, we four climbed the ice face and secured 200 meters on the very steep ridge between the west and north faces. At 6300 meters, we managed to find room for both tents on the edge of a crevasse. Because the weather seemed stable and after the exertions of the previous days, we took a rest day. On July 29, 1991, we had no difficulty in reaching the summit (6952 meters, 22,808 feet) in spite of deep powder snow