

7000 and 7600 meters on May 20, June 11, 27 and 28. At 5:30 A.M. on June 29, Park Hee-Taek and Song Jea-Deuk of the Kyung Nam group and Kim Ju-Hyun and Cho Young-Jung of the Gwangju party set out for the summit, but soon Cho fell behind and quit. Park and Kim reached the summit at 3:15 P.M. Park descended 100 meters for protection from the wind and cold to wait for Song, while Kim continued on down. After Song passed Park, it took him 45 minutes more to reach the top, where he arrived at five P.M. Song was exhausted and Kim was very tired. It was a difficult descent to Camp IV as Song needed much help and encouragement. No further summit attempt was made since the other climbers had to help the summit climbers down. [Cho Hyung-Gyu and Kim Ju-Hyun have been kind enough to supply us with this information.]

*Nanga Parbat, Kinshofer Route, Diamir Face.* A Swiss group from Bern led by Martin Fischer managed to climb the Kinshofer Route on the Diamir Face. Three men reached 7700 meters and one of them, Christoph Häuter gained the summit on July 8. A Basque expedition led by Mikel Ruiz de Apodaka had originally hoped to ascend the Mummery Rib of the Diamir Face, but after seeing the difficulties and dangers involved, they turned to the standard Kinshofer Route. All four of the team, Ruiz de Apodaka, Juan Oyarzábal, Axto Apellániz and Mari Abrego, reached the summit on July 12 in collaboration with the Polish climbers. This was the third 8000er for the latter three and the second for Ruiz de Apodaka.

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*Nanga Parbat Attempts on the Kinshofer Route, Diamir Flank.* Aside from the expeditions noted above, there were four expeditions that failed to reach the summit. Peter Long led a group of six Scots who did not get to the top. There were two unsuccessful South Korean expeditions, the leaders of which were Moon Ho-Sang and Kim Byung-Joon. The first group got to Camp IV at 7250 meters but had to quit because of bad weather. The other Korean party got to Camp IV on June 30 but three summit attempts were turned back by bad weather. The last expedition was a five-member Spanish expedition led by Manuel Amat, which had to give up at 7000 meters because of very bad weather in early September.

*Nanga Parbat Winter Attempt, 1992-3.* Our team was composed of climbers Mlle Monique Loscos and me, four trekkers and liaison officer Ashraf Aman. We hoped to climb Nanga Parbat for the first time in winter by the Schell route on the Rupal Face. We placed Base Camp and Advance Base at 3600 and 4400 meters on December 20 and 23. In bad weather, we two climbers climbed to 5200 meters with supplies on December 27 and bivouacked at 5500 meters the next day. On January 1 and 2, 1993, I climbed solo to 6100 meters, where I bivouacked. That night the wind was so strong that I had to take the tent down.