

they climbed the 1800 vertical meters to the summit, which was reached by Alberto del Casillo, Tonchek Arko, Oscar Pandolfi, Jorge Lemos, Bernardo Roig, Claudio Schurer-Stolle, Alberto Seufferheld, Janko Gorse, Martín Drake, Claudio Romero, Claudio Calefón, Damián Llabres, Daniel Azzari and Pablo Künzle.

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*Torres del Paine, Paineta, Cerro Almirante Nieto, 1992.* Our expedition was composed of Carlo Barbolini, Mario Vighetti, Angelo Pozzi, Alberto Rampini and me. On November 8, 9, 12, 13, 15 and 16, 1992, we opened a new route (UIAA VII+, A3) on the west face of the Central Paine Tower, which we called the "Via delle Mamme." It ascends the cracks to the right of the 1986 Mánica-Stedile-Defrancesco route. The 800-meter-high route had 600 meters of fixed rope. Barbolini and I reached the top on November 15, 1992 at eight P.M. The next day, the other three climbed to the top. While the others worked on the route, on November 13 Vighetti and Barbolini repeated the first-ascent route on the Torre Norte. After that, I made a number of solo climbs. On November 19, I made a new route, the west spur of Paineta (800 meters, 6, A1). On November 20 and 21, I soloed in 30 hours all the towers for the first time. On November 20, I climbed the normal route on the Torre Norte, descended and ascended the fixed ropes on the Torre Central on the Via delle Mamme and descended. On the 21st, I climbed the first-ascent (Aste) route on the Torre Sur. My final solo climb was a new route (500 meters, V+, A1) on the west face of Cerro Almirante (Paine Chico), done on November 25. [Lloyd and Pritchard did a new route on this face a year before.—*Editor.*] Also on November 25, Barbolini, Vighetti and Pozzi, joined by Spaniard Joan Jover, climbed the normal (Aste) route on the Torre Sur to within 100 meters of the top.

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*Torre Norte del Paine, 1992.* On November 8, 1992, Spaniards Mariano de Blas and Marcelino Carmona climbed the normal Monzino route on the south ridge of the Torre Norte del Paine.

JOSEP PAYTUBI, *Servei General d'Informació de Muntanya*

*Torre Norte del Paine, North Summit, 1992.* On December 30 and 31, Italians Carlo Besana, Mauricio Garota, Manuele Panzeri, Norberto Riva and Umberto Villota climbed a new route on the west face to the Torre Norte del Paine's north summit, which they called "Suerte para Mañana." It rises between the Pritchard-Lloyd and the other Italian route, "Adrenalina Vertical." They rated it at 6b, A2.

*Torres del Paine, New Routes by Argentine Youths, 1992-3.* A full article appears earlier on remarkable new routes climbed by young Argentines on the Torre Norte and Torre Central and an ascent of the Torre Sur.