

*Fitz Roy Attempt.* In February 1994, Waldo Farias and I attempted Fitz Roy. On February 12 we managed to climb the Franco-Argentine route to the end of the difficulties but failed to reach the summit.

PABLO BESSER JIRKAL, *Argentina*

*Fitz Roy, Franco-Argentine Route, Second Solo Ascent.* It was reported that Christoph Hainz ascended this route on December 24. From the *Brecha de los Italianos* he climbed the 650-meter route to the summit and back in nine hours using none of the fixed ropes on the route and self-belaying six times. (*High Mountain Sports* July 1995.)

*Piargiorgio, Gringos Locos.* On November 16 to 18, and again on December 7 and 8, Italians Maurizio Giordani and Gianluca Maspes climbed *Gringos Locos* (VII 7a A3/4). The 21-pitch route lies in the center of the northwest face, left of the Vettori-Manica *Greenpeace* route. It was climbed during spells of clear weather and involved 40 hours of climbing and 60 hook moves.

CAMERON BURNS

*Northern Patagonian Icefield Traverse and Various Ascents.* Between January 4 and January 27 our expedition, composed of seven members, visited the Northern Patagonian Icefield. We were Claudio Seebach, Norbert Seebach, Christian Buracchio, Christian Oberli, Michael Cantzler, Ian Phillippi and Sven Bruchfeld, all Chileans. We traversed the icefield from Leones Lake to San Rafael Lake. We ascended several peaks including Cerro Tronco (2300 meters), Cerro Cristal (2600 meters), Cerro Mocho (2500 meters), Cerro Iglar and Pico Norte (1600 meters).

SVEN BRUCHFELD, *Chile*

*Cerro Piramide.* It was reported that Germans W. Lolblinger and E. Hass climbed this snow peak on December 5. (*High Mountain Sports* 154)

*San Valentin Massif, North Peak.* It was reported that a Spanish team of Pedro Antonio Ortega, Angel Ortiz, Bruno and Cesar Perez de Tudela climbed a 300-meter route on the North Peak. The route involved a succession of short rock buttresses at Grade III and IV, separated by snow/ice slopes of 55° to 65°. This may have been the first time the face was climbed. (*High Mountain Sports* 154)