

scaled the three Pakistani 8000ers, Gasherbrum I and II and Broad Peak, one after the other in different groups and on different dates. The expedition put five Japanese and two Nepalese on Gasherbrum I (8068m), 11 Japanese and four Nepalese on Gasherbrum II (8035m) and eight Japanese and three Nepalese on Broad Peak (8045m). The three teams attempted the peaks via the normal routes and used fixed ropes on their climbs. The teams were as follows. Team 1 (Gasherbrum I and II): Nazuka Hideji (leader), Miyazaki Tsutomu, Baba Yasuo, Iwazaki Sakae, Ezuka Shinsuke. The Nepalese members were Ang Galzen Sherpa and Ang Chhiri Sherpa. Pemba Norbu Sherpa stayed at Base Camp. Team 2 (Gasherbrum II and Broad Peak): Sato Mitsuyoshi (leader), Yoshida Hideki and his wife Yoshida Fumie, Yanase Saichi, Iwazaki Hiroshi, Nakajima Koji, Fukumoto Masashi. The Nepalese climbers were Dawa Chiri Sherpa and Arjun Tamang. Team 3 (Broad Peak and Gasherbrum I): Goto Fumiaki (leader), Ogata Yoshio, Nozawai Ayumi, Hoshino Ryushi, Terada Tsutomu, Watanuki Takeshi, Tajima Takayuki. The Nepalese climbers were Danawang Dorje Sherpa and Norbu Sherpa.

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*Gasherbrum II, First Iranian Ascent.* Gasherbrum II was the first 8000-meter peak organized and climbed independently by Iranians. The ascent was via the normal route from the south in Pakistan. We set up four camps on the ascent: Base Camp (5200m), CI (5950m), CII (6500m), CIII (6800m), and CIV (7400m). The expedition reached Base Camp on June 26, and 14 days later reached the summit. They started the last attempt at 2 a.m. and in ten hours, at 12:06 p.m., three members (Rasool Naghavi, Hammid Olanj, leader, and Hassan Najarian) stood on the summit. The second group (Dr. Bayatani, leader, Bahmman Rostami, and Ibrahim Shekhi) started at 1 a.m.; at 5 a.m. they reached 7700 meters, but because of bad weather and heavy snow, and following the orders of the expedition leader, they returned to camp IV. The other members of the expedition were Sadegh Aghajani (leader); Dr. Shahbazi (physician); Mohssen Noori, Mohammad Noori, and Hassan Nejatian. We also are preparing for Everest in spring, 1998.

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*Gasherbrum IV, Northwest Ridge, Attempt.* It was reported that the Basques Jon Lazkhano, Kiki de Pablo, José Carlos Tamayo and Paco Txabarri attempted to make the second ascent of the Northwest Ridge, reaching an altitude of ca.7300 meters before unstable weather thwarted their attempts. Additional information may be found in the story on the ascent of GIV's west face that appears earlier in this journal. (*High Mountain Sports* 183)

*Gasherbrum IV, West Face.* Sung Dae Cho, who had led an attempt on the 2500-meter west face of Gasherbrum IV (7925m) in 1995, returned in 1997 with an 11-man team that succeeded in making the third ascent of this mountain via the western rib from May 23-July 18. A full account of the climb and its place within the framework of Korean climbing appears earlier in this journal.

*Beatrice, Southeast Face, New Routes.* It was reported that from the end of August to mid-September, a British team put up two separate new routes on Beatrice (ca.5800m) by its 750-meter-plus southeast face on the north side of the Charakusa Valley in Hushe. Mike "Twid" Turner, Steve Myers and Grant Farquar, and Louise Thomas, Kath Pyke and Glenda Huxter operated as two separate teams on the face, with the men putting up the 20-pitch *The Excellent Adventure* (VI E3 6a A3+) and the women establishing an unnamed line to the right of rough-