

*Hichukhota Area, Various Ascents.* A French expedition spent seven days in the Hichukhota area and made the following ascents: Wila Llojeta (5244m), August 27; Jankho Huyo (5512m), August 28; Jishka Pata (5508m), August 30; the southeast ridge of Wila Lloje (5596m), August 31; and the southeast ridge of Warawarani (5604m), September 1. The expedition was made up of Florence Barrault, François-Xavier Grillon, Olivier Guidet and Gregoire Volluet. No further information was available.

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*Condoriri Group, Overview.* The dry conditions meant that Cabeza de Condor (5648m) was devoid of snow and the few teams that attempted it reported extremely dangerous conditions (the peak is made of rotten loose rock). The popular Pequeño Alpamayo (5370m) was very icy and the descent to it from the minor peak of Tarija proved to be a loose-rock nightmare.

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*Ala Derecha, Possible New Route.* On August 7, Erik and Grigota Monasterio (Bolivia-New Zealand) climbed the ice face to the right of Ala Derecha and to the left of the rock band, west of the small but distinctive pyramidal snow peak marked Cerro Illampu on the IGM map (a.k.a. Techo de Paja, Diente). The possible new route was 400 meters long; the last three pitches to the col were 60-80° (D) on excellent ice. They then followed the ridge right to the base of the rock, from where it was 30 meters to the summit (F4). Descent was made via seven rappels, the first five of which were off ice bollards due to the very poor rock.

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*Huayna Potosí, West Face.* The increasingly popular 1000-meter West Face of Huayna Potosí (6088m) had very few ascents this year due to poor conditions. Spaniard Pere Vilarasau and Andorran Frank Van Herreweghe climbed the American Route (later named *Vía de Lyons* by French climbers unaware of the previous ascent) on July 7 in 11 hours. They reported IV+/V rock to access the face, which was covered in black ice the whole way up with sections up to 75°. Normally, the route is no more than 55-65°.

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*Milluni Valley, Various Ascents.* Slovenian Branko Ivanek, a La Paz resident and guide, made a number of probable first ascents of icefalls in the Milluni Valley, south of Huayna Potosí. On July 23, with Bolivian guide Marco Soria, he climbed an 80-meter icefall on Pico Milluni in five-and-a-half hours. Starting at 4940 meters, the route, which they called *Amistad*, was two pitches (UIAA IV, max. 90°) on ice five to ten centimeters thick. To the right of *Amistad* are two other icefall routes, *Branco Blues* (III/5) and *Bolivian Journeys* (III/4+), climbed by Neil Brodie (U.K.) and Patrick Berthet (France) on June 13.

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*Illimani Group, Traverse.* British La Paz residents Yossi Brain and Peter Grosset teamed up with visiting Italians Alessandro Bianchi (Club Alpino Italiano-ULE Genova) and Marcello