

report. "On January 16, we climbed nine pitches on the south ridge until being blocked by a steep and compact section just under the first (lower) summit. The grade of this route is about 5.7/5.8, with a very nice seventh pitch through a crack. We named the route *Game Over, Man!* The second route was climbed on January 20, a perfect day with no wind. Leaving Campamento Britanico at 4 a.m., we walked around the west face until arriving at steepening slabs above a glacier. From this point the two summits can be seen (and seem really close). Not having crampons, we did four traversing pitches toward the northeast above the glacier to arrive at the starting point. We started climbing this traverse, which had good rock but little protection, at 7:30 a.m. The next 12 pitches went straight to the summit. The first of these was especially beautiful on slabs with fine cracks. The last four pitches to the summit are steeper on better rock, though still with little protection. A very nice line then leads straight to the top. We arrived on the summit at 2:30 p.m. We rappelled the west face from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and arrived at Campamento Britanico at 12:30 a.m. We named the route *Pa' la Casa* (5.8, 16 pitches)."

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*Escudo, North Face, Bukowski Route.* Our original goal was the striking north pillar of Escudo. In 30 days, Jack Lewis and I managed only seven pitches on the pillar because of continual bad weather. High winds cut through one of our fixed ropes and damaged a second fixed rope. On February 21, 1999, we abandoned the north pillar with the hopes of getting one climbing day in before we had to leave.

On March 1, we climbed a new route in 14 hours round-trip on the north face of Cerro Escudo. Our route ascended 200 feet of low-angle rock slabs at the base of the north face to a large ledge. This ledge was followed up and left on scree and snow to the base of an ice couloir, which we called the *Bukowski Couloir*. This was climbed for 1,000 feet to the northeast ridge. A 60-foot rock pitch (5.10a A0) put us on easy ground. Scree and snow climbing up the ridge took us to the upper ice slopes. Ice climbing over and around black sedimentary rock towers on the upper ridge took us to the summit. We are sure the *Bukowski Couloir* (IV 5.10a A12) is the easiest route up Cerro Escudo. The upper mountain was socked in, but winds were light with occasional snow showers.

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*Cuerno Principal, South Face, Attempt.* From January 24 to February 2, 1999, Corrado Pipolo and Mauro Florit (Italy) climbed four new pitches (510d A1) on the south face of Cuerno Principal in the Valle del Frances before poor weather conditions forced them to go down.

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*Cerro Mascara, The Magic Carpet Ride.* During the months of January and February, 1999, Conny Amelunxen and I completed the first ascent of the 800-meter east face of The Mummer (Cerro Mascara) in the Bader Valley of Torres del Paine in Chile. This major Patagonian prize had been attempted at least three times previously with no success.

RIGHT: Conny Amelunxen on the approach to the east face of La Mascara (a.k.a. The Mummer) in the Bader Valley, with The Magic Carpet Ride marked. SEAN ISAAC