

Nevado Kayesh, Italian Route variation attempt. In June Guillermo Mejia and I set up a tent on the glacier, a half-hour from the bergschrund of Kayesh (5721m). We started up the German line, then followed the fixed Italian ropes (1973) until they ended. We continued for one more rope length up a couloir with hard ice until we reached a rock wall, at the bottom of which we bivouacked. All night it was snowing. The next day, leaving gear at the bivouac, we went as light as we could. We climbed the 40-meter wall, which was covered with snow and verglas, exposed and difficult to protect. We then traversed to the left over a hanging serac (soft snow, 60 degrees). We continued to the ridge, which we gained as high as we could, since it was double-corniced. We reached the ridge from the bivy site in three ropelengths, approximately 70 meters in a straight line. We descended the same line. It would be possible to climb the route in a day by going light. The route (400m, MD+) has eight pitches, of which we believe the last four are a variant of the Italian route.

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Punta Numa, So Long Fox. An Italian pair opened an impressive route on the Punta Numa (baptized by Eloy Callado and Cesar Pedrochi after they made the first ascent on August 19, 1997). Roberto Iannilli and Luciano Mastracci climbed a line to the right of the Monttrek Route. They summited on August 2. They graded the route 7a, A3+ and called it So Long Fox. The first half of the route ascends compact plates; the finish is wild. The climb is complicated by the compactness of the rock. The rare cracks are too closed for nuts and are full of moss. The route was left partially equipped, and the belays are equipped with pitons or bolts. Fifteen bolts were used for protection and three for aid. To repeat the route carry nuts; cams, including the biggest; a variety of pitons; and small carabiners.

JUANJO TOME, *Peru*

CORDILLERA HUALLANCA

Nevado Huallanca, Koso. Between the cordilleras Blanca and Huayhuash is the small Cordillera Huallanca. Although it does not rise above 6000m, it offers beautiful mountains with glaciers and rocks. David Rodriguez Lopez climbed the mountain known as Cumbre de los Burros or Nevado Huallanca (5470m), the highest summit of the Cordillera Huallanca. The route, completely on glacier, starts near the west side of Collado de los Burros, next to a small lake. The route is approximately 500 meters long and is graded MD, with 70-85-degree snow and ice. The descent was by rappelling the route. The name of the route is Koso.

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CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH

Nevado Yerupaja Grande. Equadorian Santiago Quintero climbed the west face of Nevado Yerupaja Grande (6634m). The main summit of Yerupaja had gone many years without an ascent until Santiago climbed it solo on July 4. The ascent and descent took him 17 hours. He followed the Northwest Ridge route, which was opened as far as Yerupaja Norte (6430m) by R. Bates and G. Dingle and completed to the main summit by D. Wilkinson and R. Renshaw. Because of the changing morphology of the wall, Quintero followed a route that is