

bot" (5.7), a right-facing dihedral. There's not a lot of gear off the ground. I had a 0.5 cam in the crack about ten feet up and I had backed it up with a small stopper above it. I was trying to get above the gear and took a short fall. The gear held. I didn't re-set the gear or even look at it after that fall, because I figured the stopper would be well sunk into the rock at that point. Mistake? I just don't know.

I tried again, and managed to get my feet several feet above the gear and was on a small ledge. The crack wasn't great, so neither the holds nor the places for gear were very great. I found a spot on the left side where I could have jammed a cam in there, but I didn't have enough time.

I peeled off. I was off balance, so I swung out to the right and then down. I remember seeing my gear. At that point, I had no idea it wouldn't hold. I didn't even know I was going to deck until I was already down.

Analysis

I've tried to analyze my gear placement with friends and I have two thoughts about it. I should have at least checked the placement after my first fall. But it's possible that the reason it popped was the angle of the fall. (Source: Kitty Turner from a post on mountainproject.com)

PRE-EXISTING CONDITION

Colorado, Boulder Canyon

On May 29, Bill Trull (age unknown) was climbing in a recently developed climbing area across from the Bihedral Rock. The climb was located on the south side of Boulder Creek. Trull did not fall but became injured during the climb due to a previous, unrelated injury. He was climbing on a top rope and was lowered to the base of the climb.

When the Boulder Fire ladder truck arrived it was determined the ladder would reach across the river at a narrow point. The ladder was extended across the river and Trull was loaded into the ladder bucket and brought back across the river.

Analysis

Climbers with pre-existing medical conditions should be checked by a personal physician before climbing. Pre-existing conditions can compromise the outcome of a rock climb for both the climber and climbing party by creating unanticipated problems. (Source: www.bouldercounty.org)

FALL ON ROCK, POOR POSITION

Colorado, Eldorado Canyon, Redgarden Wall

On June 15, Emily Cosnett (29) was climbing with Eric Dunlap on the The Yellow Spur (5.9). Emily was positioned on the ground and had Eric on-belay. Eric slipped about eight feet up the climb and fell, landing on Emily. Emily suffered a laceration to her left eye, and complained of back