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Himalaya and Everest wrap-up: pushing the edge in shaky weather, watch it live take 2

(Brooke Meetze) Another bunch of some 20 climbers summited Everest south in reportedly mild 10kts.

Judging from the dispatches, the wind seems to alternate between hard and calm. More climbers are going up tonight, also on Lhotse, Everest North side, Kangchenjunga and Makalu.

Watch for the oxygen-less attempts and a paraglide on Everest tonight, possibly even on the webcam just set up by the scientists at the Italian solar pyramid close to BC.

Technology

The [EvK2Cnr Everest webcam](#) has just been set up by the High Altitude Scientific and Technological Research. Here's from the press release:

"The picture shows Mount Everest, 8,848 m, the highest mountain in the world. On the right you can see the South Col plateau, 8,000 m. The image is updated every 5 minutes, and you can even see the movements of clouds around the mountain. The webcam is active only with daylight, almost between 6 am and 18 pm, Nepali time zone."

Everest South

Gavin Bate (watch it live, take 1)/Adventure Alternative intended climbing up to Camp 4 (8,000m) on the South Col today, which means summit push tonight. "Looking at forecast it seems that there may be high winds tonight and tomorrow but if the team can make it up to camp 4 on the 19th May then it looks very positive for a summit on the morning of the 20th May! If not the 20th then the 21st which also looks like it will be favourable weather conditions."

MountainTrip, led by Scott Woolums, aborted their summit attempt reporting strong and increasing winds. Back at Camp 4, the team will reassess the weather tonight.

Cold feet on his previous attempt has not stopped Brazilian Rodrigo Raineri. Currently in camp 4, he will push for the summit tonight and possibly try to paraglide down from the summit on May 20th local time. (There's a correction to the Kala Patar flight ExWeb reported on May 13: the glide - assisted by Rodrigo Raineri in wind direction and landing - was performed by Brazilian BC manager Edimar Martins.)

Checking her stamina for the ongoing no oxygen Everest attempt; Edurne Pasaban reached camp 2 in less than 7 hours yesterday.

David Tait (also without oxygen) planned to reach camp 4 (8000m) on the 19th after doing a fast climb to C3. His Himex team is currently on its way to the summit, est May 20.

IMG left for C3 on May 18 according to expedition leader Ang Jangbu. Asian Trekking have everyone up on the mountain as well. JG will try to summit a second team. Loben Expeditions Bengal Everest team, Dipankar, Rajiv, Furba and Karma plan to summit Mount Everest on the morning of 21th May 2011.

Adventure Consultants topped out their 3d team of Mike Roberts, NZ (Fifth summit); Basil Geoghegan, Ireland; Dennis Uhlir, USA; Sange Dorji Sherpa, Nepal (Sixth Summit); Kami Rita Sherpa, Nepal, (Eleventh summit); Pasang Bhote, Nepal (Fifth Summit); Rinjin Sherpa (First Summit); Lhakpa Sherpa (First Summit) on May 19.

Alpine Ascents rolled the drum as well: "100% SUMMIT!!!!" read their May 19 headline, "the ENTIRE team has made the summit!!!!"

All their members who showed up in Kathmandu made it: Michael Gibbons, Thomas Halliday, Louis Mariorenzi, Gary Nelson and Marshall Warren were guided to the summit by Lakpa Rita Sherpa, Garrett Madison, and Ben Jones. Summit Sherpa; Tshering Dorjee Sherpa, Dawa Nuru Sherpa, Ang Pasang Sherpa, Mingma Dorje Sherpa, and Mingma Tshering Sherpa. "Add in Michael Horst's and Rob Hart's Everest summit on the 14th and it all adds up to a perfect season."

Giving up is a hard thing to do but, "you can still have a great cake without the icing" wrote RMI 's client Sara McGahan (climbing with her dad who aborted the quest earlier) about her own decision to quit Everest. "I don't expect others to understand why I lost my desire to go for the summit and to take the risks needed to do so. All I know is that you just can't manufacture desire to do this."

"However, I still have a lot of regrets. The repercussions of my decision have made this last day a hard one."

Lhotse

Radek Jaros texted from a very windy C4 on May 18 reporting 5 other people there; 2 men, 1 woman, and 2 sherpa.

Climbing with Asian Trekking, Arjun Vajpai, 17, reached Camp 4 11:30 am today, planning to summit Lhotse early morning May 20.

Carlos Pauner and Javier Perez were last in C2 planning to depart to Camp 3.

Himex plan Lhotse summit attempt around May 25.

Everest North

7 Summits Club plan a summit push between May 20-21. "The Chinese have promised to finalize the route and fix ropes up to the summit on May

20."

Climbers are, Karina Mezova (28 years) Nalchik; Andrey Podolyan (39) Moscow; Dmitry Sokov (43) Sakhalin; Igor Prinzyuk (33) Khabarovsk; Yuri Beloivan (44) Moscow; Roman Gretzky (39) Moscow; Christopher Cannizzaro (25) U.S.

Guides are Sergey Larin (51) Tver; Noel Hanna (44) Ireland; Victor Bobok (50) Moscow; and 9 Sherpas. Alexander Abramov will monitor the ascent from ABC.

Loben Everest North side expeditions are waiting for route to be fixed by the Tibet Association. Jamie's group is holding for the late May window. Ueli and Don have arrived at ABC and will spend the next few days monitoring conditions and weather for their attempt.

Kanchenjunga

Summit push is ongoing in strong winds. In SMS to RussianClimb May 18 Israfil reported a fifth night at 7600. "The body doesn't rest and recover at such altitude." Loben expeditions Kang team had to abort an initial push as well.

Makalu

Hamor, Kinga et al left BC May 18 for a summit push. Jagged Globe say some of their team reached the summit at around 11:00 on Tuesday 17 May, "but this is unconfirmed." The weather is reported to be OK with other teams moving up Jagged added.

Dhaulagiri

According to gamme.no Norwegian Stian Voldom, Øyvind Ton and Britt Volden, summited Dhaulagiri on Saturday.

Website links to expeditions:

Everest South Side

[Peak Freaks](#)
[Jim Williams](#)
[Gavin Bate](#)
[Adventure Consultants](#)
[Michael Ortiz](#)
[Alpine Ascents International](#)
[David Tait](#)
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[French-Swiss Expedition](#)
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[Romanian-Polish-Italian Expedition](#)
[Cleo Weidlich](#)

Lhotse:

[Carlos Soria](#)
[Ryan Waters Mtn. Professionals](#)
[Ryan Waters Dispatches](#)
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[Radek Jaros](#)

Makalu:

[Peter Hamor's Slovak Expedition](#)
[Kinga Baranowska](#)
[Jagged Globe](#)
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Annapurna:

[South Korean Chang-Ho Kim \(no website yet\)](#)
[Chilean Annapurna Expedition \(no website yet\)](#)

Manaslu:

[Manaslu Expedition 2011 toward Freedom \(no website yet\)](#)
[Czech Climbing & Snowboard Expedition](#)
[Loben Expeditions](#)

Dhaulagiri:

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