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Jastrabia veža: Corona

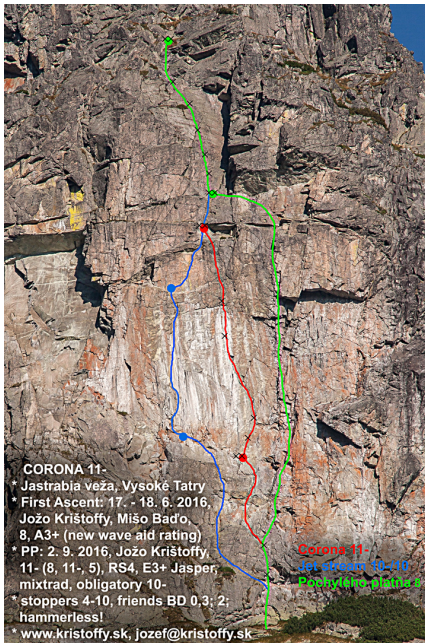
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On June 17 and 18, Mišo Bado and I made the first ascent of Corona on the south face of Jastrabia veža in Slovakia. After a pitch of UIAA VIII, climbing through an overhang and a corner, with two bolts, the crux pitch overhangs 4m in its 38m length. I climbed it over two days using tiny cams, nuts, hooks, and a few copperheads (UIAA VIII and new-wave A3+).

Over the summer I visited Jastrabia veža several times, re-equipping the route for a possible free ascent. This is a mountain climb, so I protected the climb according to mountain ethics. On the crux pitch I placed only four bolts, leaving the rest to be protected naturally. I was successful in making a pinkpoint ascent on September 2. The grade of the crux pitch is UIAA XI- (solid 5.14), making Corona currently the hardest free climb in the Tatras. A person attempting the second ascent will need to know how to place their own gear and have the ability to make hard moves well above protection.

– Jozef Kristoffy, Slovakia

Images



The first three, and main, pitches of Corona (red line, UIAA 8, 11-, 5) on the south face of Jastrabia veža. Blue is Jet Stream and green Pochyleho Platna. The third pitch is common to all.



The south face of Jestrabia veža on the right, above the hut.



Jozef Kristoffy off the crux pitch of Corona, south face of Jestrabia veža.



Josef Kristoffy on the crux pitch of Corona, south face of Jastrabia veža.

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