

1ST MAY - BASECAMP

POOR ANDRONICO WAS TAKEN QUITE ILL IN THE NIGHT WITH AN UPSET STOMACH AND WE HAD BOTH DOCTORS PATO AND LOU ANNE HERE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING TO CHECK UP ON HIM. LOU ANN I HAD CALLED AS I HAD GIVEN ANDRONICO A "NEPALESE GIARDIA PILL" IN THE NIGHT AND I THINK THE SYMPTOMS WERE NOW MIS DIAGNOSED AND I WAS IN A PANIC. AS I RAN ACROSS BASECAMP LOOKING LIKE DEATH AT 6.45AM TO LOUANNE'S MEDICAL TENT, THINKING I WOULD SEE NO ONE, I BUMPED DIRECTLY INTO ED VIESTERS. I WAS BASICALLY IN MY PAJAMAS AND A NORTH FACE JACKET AND IM CONVINCED THAT ED THINKS IM FULLY OXYGEN DEPLETED AT THIS STAGE.

BETWEEN BOTH DOCTORS ANDRONICO WAS TAKEN CARE OF AND HE WAS SOON RESTING IN HIS TENT AFTER 2 LITRES OF INTRAVENOUS FLUID WAS PUT INTO HIM TO RE HYDRATE HIM AGAIN. ( HE IS FINE NOW)

AFTER BREAKFAST AT AROUND 9.30AM I RECEIVED A VISIT FROM TWO OF THE GREEK TEAM WHO INFORMED ME THAT ON THEIR TREK BACK UP FROM DENGBOCHE THEY HAD MET LISA AND PLERN AND THAT THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO BASECAMP!! APPARENTLY THEY HAD BEEN HAVING TROUBLE WITH THEIR GUIDE WHO HAD BEEN DRUNK AND DISORDERLY THE PREVIOUS EVENING AND HAD ACCOSTED PLERN OUTSIDE THE BATHROOM AND HIT THE TABLE WHEN LISA WAS SPEAKING TO ANOTHER GUY! THE TWO GREEKS STAYED AND HAD COFFEE WITH ME AND I WAS ASKING THEM ABOUT THEIR CLIMB. THEY HAVE ONE SPONSER WHO HAS SPONSORED THEIR TEAM AS WELL AS A TEAM OF GREEKS CLIMBING FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF EVEREST, AS CURRENTLY NO GREEK PERSON HAS REACHED THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT EVEREST AND THE SPONSOR WANTS ALL BASES COVERED. ALTHOUGH SAYING THAT ANDRONICOS FRIEND NICO FROM ANTARCTICA IS GREEK AND CLIMBING INDEPENDANT FROM THIS SPONSOR...

DAVE AND FRANKIE FROM DISCOVERY CAME OVER AND FILMED OUR CAMP AND THEN WE ALL STAYED AND HAD COFFEE IN OUR MESS TENT. ANDREW LOCK.COM AS I CALL HIM CAME OVER AND WE WERE MEANT TO GO AND MEET THE GIRLS AT GORAK SHEP BUT AS I HEARD THEY WERE EN ROUTE WE STAYED CHATTING AT BASE CAMP. AT 3.00PM THERE WAS A BIG COMMOTION AS LISA AND PLERN ARRIVED ALONG WITH A HUNGOVER GUIDE! I WAS SO EXCITED TO SEE THEM AND WE WERE SOON ALL DRINKING TEA, GOSSIPING AND GETTING ALL THE LATEST MAGS AND PERFUME!!!

I TOOK LISA AND PLERN OVER TO SEE DAVID BREASHEARS WHILST THEIR TENT WAS BEING PITCHED AND DAVID CAME BACK TO OUR CAMP AND HELPED THEM WITH EXTRA SLEEPING BAGS, MATS AND MADE SURE THEY WERE REALLY WAR,. THIS IS AN ALTITUDE RECORD FOR BOTH OF THEM AND ITS SO EXCITING TO HAVE THEM HERE. WE ALL HAD A BIG DINNER AND BEERS TO CELEBRATE THE GIRLS ARRIVAL AND THEN BED...