



SA team to begin Everest climb tonight

Johannesburg: The last two South Africans on Mount Everest are to begin their bid to summit the world's highest mountain tonight.

But a lot depends on the weather and the advice given by their "forecaster", Rene Hochreiter, from his home in Bramley.

Sean Disney and Vaughan de la Harpe are planning to start out for the summit from Camp 4 tonight and if they are successful, they will become the seventh and eighth South Africans to reach the top of Everest.

Initially, four South Africans were hoping to summit Everest this year, but two of them had to turn back.

Hochreiter was one of them.

He returned to South Africa after he suffered frostbite, but now watches weather and talks with his climber buddies by satellite phone.

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