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Lørdag den trettende i Sørvika

Saturday the Thirteenth in Sørvika

The incident in Sørvika is described, where a natural belay broke and hit A. Grønlie in the head and left him unconscious for a while in a pool. The retreat out of the cave was very difficult, because of exposure and that we were very ill-equipped: None of us used wet-suits, and only one had a helmet on - fortunately the one who was hit by the stone. The wet, partially free-hanging 40 m entrance pitch was difficult to climb in the shocked condition we were in. The different errors are discussed, and it is concluded that a combination of foolhardiness and stupidity had nearly taken our lives. The fortune was greater than the understanding, and we both learned a lot from this.