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Minneapolis (AP) In a true test of endurance, a Chaska, Minn. man has climbed Mount **Everest**.

Neal Mueller and two sherpas reached the summit of Mount **Everest** in Nepal on Thursday morning, after weeks of delays, howling winds and one avalanche.

Mueller began the last trek to the summit on Wednesday.

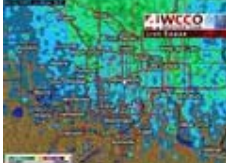
His mother, sister and grandmother in Minnesota monitored updates on the Internet, posted by expedition leader Jim Williams.

"They reported that the first part of the expedition had summited last night, then there was a six-hour gap," said Laura Mueller, his mother. "We were sure something was wrong. We were going out of our minds. We're so happy to know he made it."

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