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THE SECOND NOVA PUPPIS 1963

The Nova announced by W. Strohmeier (Inf. Bull. No. 59.) as first observed on a Boyden Observatory plate of February 13, 1964, had its ascent in December 1963. In spite of the low meridian altitude the region is well covered by sky patrol plates of Sonneberg Observatory yielding the following magnitudes:

1963 Dec.	9/10	243 8373.560	11. ^m 5	invisible
"	14/15	8378.563	10.6:	
"	19/20	8383.539	8.6	
"	20/21	8384.511	8.0	
"	21/22	8385.540	8.3	
"	22/23	8386.523	8.0	
"	23/24	8397.519	8.0	
1964 Jan.	11/12	8406.444	8.5	
"	"	8406.482	8.5	
"	15/16	8410.434	9.5	
"	16/17	8411.458	9.6	
"	17/18	8412.479	9.5	
"	19/20	8414.435	9.6	
"	20/21	8415.467	9.7	
"	"	8415.510	9.7	
Feb.	13/14	8439.372	10.0	
"	14/15	8440.348	10.0	
"	"	8440.392	10.3	

The Nova was found invisible on 169 South African plates from the years 1935 (2), 1936 (7), 1937 (50), 1938 (8), 1952 (46), 1953 (53), 1959 (3) and on 150 Sonneberg plates from the years 1929 to 1962. No faint star could so far be identified with the Nova on Mt. Palomar Charts 7^h 48^m -30^o.

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