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V1188 SCORPII = NOVA SCORPII 2005

N. N. Samus, Institute of Astronomy, Russian Academy of Sciences, informs us that the designation V1188 Sco has been given to this nova (cf. *IAUC* 8574, 8575).

H. Naito and N. Tokimasa, Nishi-Harima Astronomical Observatory (NHAO); and H. Yamaoka, Kyushu University, report that a low-resolution spectrum (range 300–850 nm; resolution 150) of V1188 Sco, obtained on July 27.6 UT with NHAO 0.60-m telescope (+ NILS), shows a broad Hα feature (FWHM = 1730 km/s) with P-Cyg profile, suggesting that V1188 Sco is indeed a classical nova. Yamaoka adds that M. Fujii, Ibara, Japan, obtained a spectrum on July 27.53, which shows a clear Hα line in emission.

F. M. Walter, State University of New York at Stony Brook; H. E. Bond, Space Telescope Science Institute; and A. Pasten, SMARTS and Cerro Tololo Interamerican Observatory (CTIO), confirm that V1188 Sco is a classical nova near or before peak. A 0.31-nm-resolution spectrum (range 570–690 nm), taken on July 28.16 UT using the SMARTS/CTIO 1.5-m RC spectrograph, shows broad Hα (FWZI = 4000 km/s, EW= -3.5 nm) and Fe II (74) lines in emission atop a photospheric continuum with absorption lines. He I 587.6-nm appears in absorption; the Na D line (EW = 0.5 nm) shows three absorption components. The peak of the Hα emission is blueshifted by $\sim$ 250 km/s; the P-Cyg absorption is blueshifted by $\sim$ 900 km/s. There may also be an absorption feature at +350 km/s.

COMETS C/2005 M6–M10 (SOHO)

Several more tailless Kreutz sungrazing comets have been found on SOHO images (cf. *IAUC* 8572). C/2005 M6 was tiny, faint, and diffuse. C/2005 M7 was stellar, tiny, and faint in the C3 images, but slightly diffuse in C2 images, reaching mag $\sim$ 6.4 at $7.8R_\odot$ on June 26.021 UT. C/2005 M8 was faint and diffuse, reaching mag $\sim$ 8.0 at $7.6R_\odot$ on June 27.829. C/2005 M9 was very diffuse in C2 images, reaching mag $\sim$ 7.8 at $7.5R_\odot$ on June 28.162. C/2005 M10 was diffuse and very faint.

Comet	2005 UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Inst.	F	*MPEC*
C/2005 M6	June 24.777	$6^h08^m.4$	$+21°40'$	C2	SH	2005-O35
C/2005 M7	25.529	6 10.1	+20 29	C3/2	XL	2005-O35
C/2005 M8	27.771	6 19.5	+21 41	C2	RM	2005-O35
C/2005 M9	27.846	6 19.2	+20 55	C3/2	RM	2005-O35
C/2005 M10	29.421	6 26.4	+21 38	C2	KC	2005-O35

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