



Press Release

PERSONNEL SOLUTIONS SURFACED PRO & NERF CLASH OF THE GROMS #1  
 June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2017



Men's Open Finalists – Photo Credit: Andy Holter

The eagerly awaited first stop on this year's UK Professional Surfing Tour, The Personnel Solutions Surfaced Pro commenced on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. Welcomed by the early summer sun and 2-4 foot lines rolling into Watergate Bay in the morning low tide.

The Surfaced Pro, now into its second year of competition, champions the cause of equality among its competitors with both male and female participants receiving equal prize winnings. Instigated by students at Cornwall College Newquay, who plan and implement the event as part of both the Surf Science & Technology & Marine Sports Science degree programs, welcomes in a new era in professional surfing and further changes the traditional norm by having each surfer's highest wave score doubled, awarding powerful, impressive wave scores over an accumulation of "safe" rides.

The Surfaced Pro has just been joined this year by becoming the first stop on the new Nerf Clash of The Groms Tour, which covers 4 exciting events on the UK Pro Surf circuit, making stops at Watergate Bay with The Personnel Solutions Surfaced Pro, The UK Schools Surf Championships at Fistral beach, The Thurso Surf festival in Scotland before returning to the





home of The UK Pro Surf Association at Fistral for The Clash of The Groms finale, giving our new generations of surfing talent an important pathway to hone their competitive skills and promote fresh talent across the UK.

Day: 1 of competition saw large crowds gather enticed by the solar warmth to watch our junior surfers progress through their preliminary rounds with notable surfing talent naturally emerging as our victors, super grom Gabe Llewellyn demonstrated his growing level of skill & energy passing through the first rounds of the Under 12 Open with style. Bude's Ellie Turner, having returned from the Biarritz ISA World Games & finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Ripcurl International Grom Search placed her new tour experience to work trumping early rounds in the Under 16 & Under 18 Girls divisions

In a heavy-heated first round of the Men's Open saw top surfers Alan Stokes & Johnny Fryer matched in their heat, surfing head to head in a charge for an early first place with Johnny taking the heat just 3 points ahead of Stokesy & New Zealand's Jay Quinn made an impressive entry into our UK competition scoring big in his round: 1 heat.

With a total of 6 heats in this Men's Open first round, more renowned names ascended the ladder with Gordon Fontaine, Reubyn Ash, Jayce Robinson, Liam Murray-Strout and Joss ash all joining the lists for the title.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> day launched immediately into the exciting semi-finals of the junior divisions with Seth Morris scoring our first Highest wave achievement of the event with a 9.5 point wave (one judge awarding a 10) in his Under 16 Boys semi-final heat.

Round: 1 of the Women's category saw Jess Tuckman and Ellie Turner progress through to the next round alongside Emily Williams, Georgina Lewtas, Tehillah McGuinness & Emily Currie. In his Men's Open Round: 2 heat, Reubyn Ash succeeded in smashing the highest wave score for the entire event, scoring a lofty 9.93 wave.

The sun returned for our climatic finals & the waves peeled in a myriad of greens & blues in front of the crowds, with Nerf darts & Personnel Solutions frisbees decorating the skies as our The Surfaced Pro finalists took to the water.

Early smiles were seen from our Nerf clash of the Groms competitors as our commentator Nick Williams gleefully roused the crowd's cheers as our winners returned from their aquatic stadium. The tempo rose as our heats climbed in surfing stature through the stylistic performance of our female competitors and grew to a roaring applause as we finished on the ultimate event of the Men's Open.

Presentations on the beach were the call for the day, basking in the beautiful evening sun and young competitors just as eager for their gifted Nerf guns as the titles themselves clambered around the staging ground. Following a respectable minute's silence for recent events further afield, UKPSA Director Dave Reed, Matthew Sherratt from Personnel Solutions & Cornwall





College's Brender Wilmott awarded our Contestants their prizes and crowned our Personnel Solutions Surfaced Pro & Nerf Clash of The Groms' Champions.

We would like to Thank our fantastic event sponsors for their support and we look forward to seeing you all at the Smart Parking Night Surf 2017

### Results:

#### Under 12 Open

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Gabe Llewellyn
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nikita Petrov
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Eli Perrins Davies
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Flynn Gillespie

#### Under 14 Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Lauren Sandland
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Asha Sykes
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tegan Blackford
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Alys Barton

#### Under 14 Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Sam Hearn
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alex Townsend
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bertie Norman
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Jake Arrowsmith

#### Under 16 Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Ellie Turner
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lily Mandeville
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tegan Blackford
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Ffion Hughes
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Alys Barton

#### Under 16 Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Noah Capps
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Barnaby Cox
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Seth Morris
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Max Hudson

#### Under 18 Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Ellie Turner
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mischa Maguire
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lily Mandeville
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Rosie O'Neill







#### **Under 18 Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Seth Morris
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kit Innes
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Noah Anstis
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Kam Matthews
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Barnaby Cox

#### **Women's**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Ellie Turner
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emily Currie
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tehillah McGuinness
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Georgina Lewtas

#### **Men's Open**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Jobe Harriss
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jay Quinn
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jayce Robinson
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Reubyn Ash

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