



Pro Surf Tour

Jay Quinn and Joe Dennison win Surfaced Pro

in association with Quiksilver & Roxy

This year's UKPSA Pro Surf Tour got off to an amazing start this weekend with the first stop, The Surfaced Pro in association with Quiksilver & Roxy. Early Saturday morning the surfers were greeted by the early summer sun and solid 6-8 foot lines rolling into Watergate Bay.

This year's event was especially epic as it was the first time an event was broadcast live to the internet, expanding the audience, giving more exposure to the surfers, the location and the sponsors. This marked a new chapter in UK Pro Surfing as going forward, every event on the tour will be available to watch live on <http://ukprosurf.com>

The first day of competition on Saturday, saw a large swell arrive with offshore winds delivering near perfect conditions and the ultimate challenge for the top surfers. The Fistral Beach Men's division was first up, standout performances came from European Champion Jay Quinn, also WSL Brit Luke Dillon, Jobe Harriss and last year's tour champion Reubyn Ash, who all progressed to the final. The Under 18 Boys battled through the large surf and stamped their mark on the future of UK Surfing. True to form and befitting the 'gender equality' aspect of the event, the women's open took to the water with the girls showing just as much grit as the guys in the challenging surf.

The 2nd day and finals day started with Nerf Clash of the Groms Under 16 Boys division followed by the seven other Junior categories. Surf conditions were still very big with above head high sets still coming through. The weather remained sunny throughout attracting a substantial crowd of spectators to the beach. By the middle of the afternoon on Sunday the finals of all the divisions took to the water

Now in its third year, The Surfaced Pro champions the cause for gender equality in sports with both male and female participants receiving equal prize winnings – unprecedented in most sports, including surfing. Instigated by students at Cornwall College Newquay, who plan and implement the event as part of the Surf Science & Technology and Marine Sports Science degree programs, welcomes in a new era in professional surfing and further challenges 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, like last year, is 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 Surfaced Pro, The UK Schools Surf Championships at Fistral beach, The Thurso Surf Festival in Scotland before returning to the home of The UKPSA 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.

Presentations on the beach were the call for the day. Ben Sousek from Quiksilver & Roxy was joined by Cornwall Brender Wilmott to award our Contestants their prizes and crown the Surfaced Pro Champions.



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We would like to Thank our fantastic event sponsors for their support Quiksilver, Roxy, Nerf, Korev, The Boardmasters Foundation, Fistral Beach, Cornwall College, Season Surf, Watergate Bay and we look forward to seeing you all at the Night Surf in July 2018

Results:

Men's Open

1st: Jay Quinn

2nd: Luke Dillon

3rd: Reubyn Ash

4th: Jobe Harriss

Women's

1st: Joe Dennison

2nd: Emily Currie

3rd: Emily Williams

4th: Lucy Campbell

Under 18 Boys

1st: Barnaby Cox

2nd: Seth Morris

3rd: Patrick Langdon-Dark

4th: Noah Capps

Under 18 Girls

1st: Lily Mandeville

2nd: Francesca Sayer

3rd: Mischa Maguire

4th: Tegan Blackford

Under 16 Boys

1st: Max Hudson

2nd: Sol Hawkins

3rd: Travis Pearce

4th: Sam Hearn

Under 16 Girls

1st: Francesca Sayer



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2nd: Alys Barton

3rd: Tegan Blackford

4th: Lauren Sandland

Under 14 Boys

1st: Sam Hearn

2nd: Alex Townsend

3rd: Thomas Reeves

4th: Bertie Norman

Under 14 Girls

1st: Alys Barton

2nd: Tegan Blackford

3rd: Asha Sykes

4th: Lauren Sandland

Under 12 Boys

1st: Flynn Gillespie

2nd: Arthur Randell

3rd: Reen Bowden-Inoue

4th: Finlay Lucas

Under 12 Girls

1st: Lauren Sandland

2nd: Eva Blackford

3rd: Sienna Morison