



Contest Report

05 January 2009

League Contest One 2009

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Reef

2-4 clean and glassy



Early morning lineup



Tuck in son



Judges in action

There's pressure being The Champ. Great things are expected of you at every turn. Barrels are meant to be made and heats are there for the taking when you are The Champ. In fact the competition is meant to be in awe of you. Waves are meant to be given to you. Young groms are meant to wax your board and carry it down to the waters edge. Unfortunatley for Martin no one gave a shit and he was bundled out in the first round by the man who looks determined not to be the bridesmaid this year, Mole.

Mole is on it this year. After being pipped at the final post, well quite convincingly beaten, by Martin last year, he is a vertically challenged man on a mission. So much so that he even snaked his best mate Dai and caused him to drop in on him in the first round in order to prevent him from going through. Thats what makes a winner. And that was just the last heat of the first round. Drama was there in nearly every heat. In fact it was probably the best first round we had seen in a long time with some great surfing from the competitors despite the early morning chill and some really tight heats.

Standouts were Jay Rowe who powered his way into the semis taking out Dai and Martin. Plus there were the young guys taking it to the older guys in the form of Jack Johns who was hunting barrels successfully all morning and Matt Orchard who ousted Richie and Pete in the third heat. Well done guys, now where's your membership? Doova was also surfing as solid as ever as was his brother Bow. Plus Bernie picked off the early morning bombs to go through to the semis. Kelv even managed a few Egan-esc turns.

So onto the semis and the usual suspects of Sam and Mole were there and their consistent approach made sure that they got themselves into the final with a minmal fuss. Then Jack kept on snagging little barrels all over the reef

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Nice wall



Split the peak



Classy A frame



Early morning pumpers.

as well as the odd turn. This tactic saw him through. The final place wasn't so cut and dry though as both Doova and Jay went wave for wave in one of the closest semis we have seen. Doova managed to be his usual smooth self on a few waves whilst Jay made a couple of beauties to the channel. In the end it required a triple count back and Doova was in the final.

Amazingly throughout the whole morning it was just us in the water. People were checking it but no one went in apart from a couple of spongers. Must be the professional outfit we are running these days and the threatening looks doled out to whoever checked it. Then again it could be the fact we have rashvests that people can see. By the way if anyone has a G.A.S. rashvest at home or in the car can you please return it to Martin.

So onto the final which by now was held on a dropping tide but there were some lovely 3 foot Glassy waves coming through every now and again. Doova by this time had run out steam a bit and was a little out of sync. Jack was still hunting those tubes but due to knocking out the fins from his mates board he never really recovered. So it was down to Sam and Mole to come up trumps and win the first comp. And Sam came mighty close blowing the top off a couple with radical surfing not seen since the winter of 2008. But turns were not enough today and Mole with his barrel rader working in overdrive, took the first comp of the season in stylish fashion with a couple of sweet tubes followed by a couple of vicious hacks.

There you have it. Mole was first, Sam second, Jack third and Doova was fourth. Many thanks to everyone who helped out today. It was a bitter morning but the surf was classic. Lets hope there are many more comps like this throughout the coming year as it looks like it keeps the crowds away a little as well. See you at the next one!!



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Final Positions

Position	Contestant	Points	Notes
1st	Mole	1,200	
2nd	Sam Boex	1,000	
3rd	Jack Johns	800	
4th	Doova	600	
=5th	Jay Rowe	500	
=5th	Matt Orchard	500	
=7th	Bow	400	
=7th	Bernie Robinson	400	
=9th	Pete Edkins	300	
=9th	Martin Lawless	300	
=9th	Sparky	300	
=9th	Kelvin Batty	300	
=13th	Dai Lawton	200	Interfered with Mole
=13th	Andrew Beswick	200	
=13th	Matt Lawless	200	
=13th	Kiwi Sparky	200	
=17th	Tom Wells	150	
=17th	Rog Mellie	150	
=17th	Richard Scott	150	
Judged 1 Heat	Andrew Beswick	100	
Judged 1 Heat	Bow	100	
Judged 1 Heat	Martin Lawless	100	
Judged 1 Heat	Richard Scott	100	
Judged 2 Heats	Mole	200	
Judged 3 Heats	Joe Grant	300	
Judged 3 Heats	Rog Mellie	300	
Judged 3 Heats	Sparky	300	
Judged 3 Heats	Timmy	300	
Judged 3 Heats	Tom Wells	300	



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Position	Name	Contests	Best Position	Points
1	Mole	1	1st	1400
2	Sam Boex	1	2nd	1000
3	Jack Johns	1	3rd	800
4	Doova	1	4th	600
	Sparky	1	=9th	600
6	Matt Orchard	1	=5th	500
	Jay Rowe	1	=5th	500
	Bow	1	=7th	500
9	Tom Wells	1	=17th	450
	Rog Mellie	1	=17th	450
11	Bernie Robinson	1	=7th	400
	Martin Lawless	1	=9th	400
13	Pete Edkins	1	=9th	300
	Kelvin Batty	1	=9th	300
	Andrew Beswick	1	=13th	300
	Joe Grant	1	Judged 3 Heats	300
	Timmy	1	Judged 3 Heats	300
18	Richard Scott	1	=17th	250
19	Dai Lawton	1	=13th	200
	Matt Lawless	1	=13th	200
	Kiwi Sparky	1	=13th	200