

Van Rijswijck and Linder surf to victory

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ALEX van Rijswijck and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's (NMMU) Britney Linder emerged from the waves as open champions of the annual Billabong Madibaz surfing contest at Pipe in Port Elizabeth last weekend.

Local wave rider Van Rijswijck edged out Robert Jacobs and Cyle Meyers for the title while Linder beat Madibaz team-mates Roxy Giles and Rebekah Anderson.

The competition, which took place at the well-known surfing spot in Summerstrand, drew a competitive field that included participants from outlying areas of Jeffreys Bay and Port Alfred.

Madibaz Sport surfing manager Melinda Goosen said they would not have been able to accommodate any more entrants "or else we would have finished at night".

She said they had included a university men's division for the first time to cater for a broader base of competitors.



WAVE RIDER: Alex van Rijswijck emerged from the waves as the open champion of the annual Billabong Madibaz surfing contest in Port Elizabeth at the weekend. PICTURE: FULLSTOPCOMMUNICATIONS

"Many students enjoy surfing but will not necessarily enter a contest to compete against the province's best.

With our top university riders entering the open division, this has paved the way for the other students to have

a good competition in the university section," she said.

Goosen said their goal was to grow

the event even further by attracting entrants from all parts of the Eastern Cape.

"We want to make it the top surfing contest on the province's calendar," Goosen said.

Full results:

U-14 Boys: 1 Kyle McGregor, 2 Andrew Laverge, 3 CJ Posthumus.

U-17 Boys: 1 Joshe Faulkner, 2 Angelo Faulkner 3 Rewaldo Abersali.

Varsity Men: 1 Lyell Watson, 2 Lee Allers, 3 Alex Miln.

Open Men: 1 Alex van Rijswijck, 2 Robert Jacobs, 3 Cyle Meyers.

Junior Girls: 1 Chelsea Clotz, 2 Tanith Moreton.

Open Women: 1 Britney Linder, 2 Roxy Giles, 3 Rebekah Anderson.

Student awards: Rihan de Bruyn (most explosive), EJ Klopper (most improved), Chris Marx (frother of the day), James Cowley (kook of the day).

Most improved juniors: Tristen Botes, Marco Venter.

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