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Steel pulse, jah.









Hard to believe but the ASP's never held a prime event in Cabo, or anywhere in Bala for that matter. Sure there's been a few little 1 and 2 stars here and there, but nothing like an ASP 6-Star! It was super cool to see the Los Cabos Open of Surf come together, and we're sure it's going to be around for a long time.... Read below to see how it all played out for this year's cash winners...

## THE CHAMP!

23-year-old Californian Dillon Perillo wasted little time in the grand final, posting an 8.67 and 8.47 for an eclectic mix of committed forehand maneuvers. immediately placing De Vries in a combination situation. Perillo turned up the intensity as the heat progressed, unloading the highest single-wave score of the event of 9.57 for an explosive three-turn combination, solidifying his first major ASP Men's victory. "I don't even know what to say," Perillo said. "Mexico is one of my favorite places in the world. I've been coming down here surfing with my Dad since I was a little kid. This was a sick contest. I was so nervous the whole time in the Final. I was just telling myself to breathe and try and relax." Perillo, a former standout on the ASP North America Pro Junior Series, has focused the last few years of his career on free surfing, but has returned his focus to competition

## ALMOST KINGS! Runner-up Beyrick De Vries was impressive on the final day of competition,

quietly navigating his way to the final while topping some of the event's top seeds. The South African fought hard in an attempt to overtake Perillo for the win, but was unable to surpass Perillo for the win. "I came in to this contest and I was happy to make it from my Round of 96 to 48 because I'm just trying to make it to the midyear cutoff so I can be in the Primes for the next half," De Vries said.

San Clemente's Tanner Gudauskas was impressive on his backhand throughout the

entirety of the Los Cabos Open of Surf and was in excellent form on the final day of competition, besting event favorite Heitor Alves (BRA), 31, in the Quarterfinals, Unfortunately for the goofy-footer, he was unable to find the waves needed to surpass Perillo in their Semifinals match, taking an equal 3rd place finish. "It's always tough to come this close to the Final," Gudauskas said, "but congrats to Dillon, he surfed well. Overall 3rd is a good result and I'll take this on to Ballito."

## ... AND THE BREAKOUT PERFORMER OF THE EVENT!

Nineteen-year-old Spaniard Vicente Romero put together a breakout performance at the Los Cabos Open of Surf, finishing equal 3rd overall to secure the best result of his young career. "I'm pretty happy, this is the biggest result of my life and I don't have a sponsor," Romero said. "This is only the second event I've done this year and I would have liked to make it to the Final but my goal was to collect enough points to eventually get in to the Prime events, so I'm pretty stoked." Vicente, who entered the Los Cabos Open of Surf at 342 on the ASP World Ranking, will skyrocket up the rankings due to his efforts in Mexico and hopes to carry his campaign throughout the remainder of the Latin leg.

Official Results of the ASP 6-Star Los Cabos Open of Surf, held June 22 at Zippers in Cabo San Lucas, Baja, CA

Dillos Perillo (USA) \$25,000 Beurick De Vries (ZAF) \$12,500

ter Gudanskas (USA), Vicenne Romero (ESP) \$6,150 en Parkes (AUS), Heijer Alves (BRA), Richard Christie (NZL), Carlos Munoz (CRI) \$3,000