



BEN HAWORTH

British & English Junior Champion
2007

PORTFOLIO OF A JUNIOR SURFER



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INTRODUCTION TO BEN AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

Date of Birth: 9th of August 1989

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Education: Left Park Community School, Newport, Barnstaple in summer 2006. As part of my school year from September 2005 I undertook day release working with 'Gulf Stream' in order to gain experience of working within a 'surf business'.

Surfing since: Age 3.

Competing since: Spring 2003.

Surfing Style: Traditional mixed with progressive longboarding.

Favourite surfers: Bonga Perkins, Joel Tudor, Ben Skinner, Lee Ryan, Elliot Dudley, Sam Bleakley, CJ Nelson.

Local Breaks: Croyde & Saunton.

Memberships: Member of the British Surfing Association and the local surf club, the Hotdoggers Longboard Surf Club. British Longboard Union.

Ambitions: To become the British Open and International Champion, to become a professional longboarder and be the best in the world and to travel extensively.



SURFING HISTORY

I first stood on a surfboard at the age of 3 whilst on holiday in St. Ives. I started longboarding at the age of 9, borrowing my Dads boards. I loved the feeling of cruising on the nose and smoothness and style that longboarding has always had.

My early contest achievements were made whilst not living next to the ocean and can be considered exceptional for an inland surfer (see contest results). Since living in North Devon and getting to surf nearly every day, my standards have significantly improved so have my contest results.



I joined the local surf club (the Hotdoggers LSC) in 2003 and have competed in all club events since. The club members have been great in encouraging and coaching me and the club contests have provided valuable contest experience. This ultimately led to sponsorship deals and I have been signed with 'Gul

International' who provide me with all my wetsuit, clothing and accessory requirements and financial support and with SurfTech who provide me with three boards a year. I am also on a photo incentive sponsorship deal with Errant.

My travel experience includes trips to South Africa with the British Team, to Spain with the Hotdoggers and the English Team, France, Southern Ireland and 3 trips to Morocco.



I really enjoy shortboarding as well and have had contest success winning the PMC junior shortboard event in 2006.



CONTEST RESULTS

CONTEST	DATE	VENUE	RESULT
3 RD HLSC League	2003	Saunton	3 rd place (open)
	2003		Awarded 'Most improved Surfer' at the annual club awards.
	2004		
1 st HLSC 'Underdogs contest'	2004	Saunton	1 st place (open)
BLU 1	2004	Perranporth	4 th place (junior)
BLU 2	2004	Watergate	2 nd place (junior)
BLU3	2004	Sennen	4 th place (junior)
2 nd HLSC League	2004	Saunton	2 nd place (open)
3 rd HLSC League	2004	Saunton	3 rd place (open)
English Championships	2004	Watergate	4 th place (junior)
HLSC Club Championship	2004	Saunton	1 st place (junior)
HLSC End of year league position	2004	Saunton	3 rd overall
Longboard inter-club	2004	Rest Bay	B Team member, 2 nd place overall
	2005		
1 st HLSC League	2005	Saunton	2 nd place (open)
BLU 1	2005	Perranporth	3 rd place (junior)
British School Championship	2005	Woolacombe	2 nd place (longboard)
2 nd HLSC League	2005	Saunton	3 rd place (open)
ESF English Championships	2005	Watergate	2 nd place (junior)
BSA British Championships	2005	Fistral	3 rd place (junior)
BLU 2	2005	Watergate	2 nd place (junior)
BSA (Gotcha) Home Nations	2005	Watergate	Team member (England 1 st)
3 rd HLSC League	2005	Saunton	1 st place (open)
Biarritz Surf Festival	2005	Cote de Basques	6 th place (junior)
4 th HLSC League	2005	Saunton	2 nd place (open)



Hotdoggers/ACL of Spain	2005	Saunton	2 nd place (open)
14 th Jesus Surf Classic	2005	Croyde	1 st place (open longboard)
3 rd BLU	2005	Sennen	3 rd place (juniors) 3 rd place (open)
BPSA Headworx Welsh Open	2005	Freshwater West	3 rd place (open Longboard)
5 th HLSC League	2005	Saunton	1 st place (open)
4 th BLU	2005	Saunton	2 nd place (junior) 2 nd place junior overall league position.
Welsh Malibu Classic	2005	Rest Bay	2 nd place (junior shortboard) 3 rd place (junior longboard)
HLSC League Awards	2005	NA	Overall League winner (open), and highest placed junior.
	2006		
1 st HLSC League	2006	Saunton	1 st place (Open)
BLU 1	2006	Perranporth	2 nd place (juniors) Semi finalist (open)
National Schools Championships	2006	Woolacombe	1 st place (longboard)
Cornish & Open	2006	Porth Towan	1 st Open (Longboard)
BLU 2	2006	Watergate	1 st place (juniors) Semi finals Open
BLU 3	2006	Gwithian	1 st place (juniors)
BLU 4	2006	Woolacombe	2 nd place (juniors) BLU Tour Junior Champion 2006
British Championship	2006	Fistral	2 nd place (Juniors)
English Championships	2006	Watergate	2 nd place (Juniors)
HLSC League	2006	Saunton	Overall Champion
European Junior Championships	2006	Ferrol, Spain	2 nd Place
	2007		
1 st HLSC League	2007	Saunton	1 st place (Open)
BLU 1	2007	Perranporth	1 st place (juniors)



			Semi finals open
2 nd HLSC	2007	Saunton	1 st place (Open)
BLU 2	2007	Perranprth	1 st place (juniors) Semi finals open
English Championships	2007	Newquay	Junior Champion & 3 rd Open
British Championships	2007	Godrevy	Junior Champion

Key:

HLSC: Hotdoggers Longboard Surf Club

BSA: British Surf Association

BLU: British Longboard Union

ESF: English Surf Federation

BPSA: British Professional Surf Association



Getting 10 over, summer 2005



Me receiving 1st place trophy from Nat Young at a Hotdoggers club contest



Me winter training in Morocco 2007



MEDIA COVERAGE TO DATE.

DATE	PUBLICATION / MEDIA	DETAILS
Various since 2003.	Hotdoggers Newsletter	Published quarterly to 150 members. I have regularly been featured in the newsletter following successful contest results.
Issue 65 (2004)	Carve Magazine	Results of first BLU contest listing me as 'future star'. Written by Sam Bleakley.
May 19 th 2005	North Devon Journal	Results of National Schools champs with 2 photos of me.
Issue 73 (2005)	Carve Magazine	Featured in 'Grom File' with 2 photos and profile. Also results of BLU contest.
June 30 th 2005	North Devon Journal	Gotcha Home Nations challenge contest results report including team photo including me.
June 2 nd 2005	North Devon Journal	English Championships results report.
July 7 th 2005	North Devon Journal	Hotdoggers league results with photo of me being presented with 1 st place trophy by Nat Young.
Issue 74 (2005)	Carve Magazine	Results of British Red Stripe Championships with my 3 rd place result published.
Sept 2005	BBC Website	Report on Jesus surf classic and photo of me surfing in the final referring to me as North Devon's 'hot property'.



		Also featured in a CEEFAX report
Sept 15th	North Devon Journal	As above
Sept/Oct 2005	Wavelength Magazine	Contest report and photo of me winning the Jesus Surf Classic in Croyde
Nov 2005	Carve Magazine	Contest report of final leg of the BLU tour reporting me as second place in the juniors
Dec 2005	BBC website and CEEFAX	Report on my success in winning the HLSC league.
March 2007	Drift Magazine No. 2	Full feature article including photos



BSA Poster for British Championships featuring a photo of Ben Haworth in Morocco



CURRENT SPONSORS

1. Gul International



Nature of sponsorship

I was referred to Gul by Lee Ryan (5 times British champion & 2 times European champion) who currently rides for Gul. Gul kindly signed me just before the end of 2005 and have recently re-signed me for 2007 with a full product package and financial support.

Gul are a market leader and have a great range of high quality wetsuit and associated products and they provide me with all my wetsuit requirements, various items of clothing and accessories. Gul's wetsuits are first class, not only state of the art, but warm, flexible and very comfortable.

Gul's website can be visited at:-

<http://www.gul.com/public/home.php>

2. SurfTech



Nature of sponsorship

Surf Commission with SurfTech support a number of the top British surfers in both longboard and shortboard, so I was very proud to be offered a board sponsorship deal. Surf Commission provide me with 3 SurfTech boards a year of my choice. I have been riding SurfTech surfboards for a number of years now and their strength to weight ratio suits my style, allowing me to mix radical manoeuvres with traditional longboarding.

SurfTech's website can be visited at:-

<http://www.surfcom.co.uk/>



SUPPORT REQUESTED

I am totally focused on longboard surfing. I love surfing and the sense of freedom and achievement I get from it. When I'm not actually surfing, I am thinking about surfing. I study longboard videos to learn different moves and techniques



to improve my standard. I consider my diet, maintain my fitness and learn about board design and surfing history and culture. This passion means I am dedicated to making a living out of surfing. In order to do this I want to demonstrate that I am the best longboarder by producing high level results in major national and international competition. I have had some coaching from Elliot Dudley (currently ranked number 1 in Europe) who I really respect and admire. I have also beaten Elliot in the final of the Jesus Surf Classic in 2005!

Since an early age I realised that I wanted to pursue a career as a professional surfer following in the footsteps of respected British longboarders like Lee Ryan, Elliot Dudley and Sam Bleakley who I really admire and who have been great at encouraging me.

I believe that my style is fluid and consistent. It is a genuine mixture of traditional smoothness and grace with spectacular and progressive modern moves. My results reflect this and my increasing standard and ability.

Longboard surfing has been growing a lot over the last 5 years and more coverage on longboarders can be seen in the media than ever before. More surfers are entering the sport through longboarding and its importance has been increasing because of talented surfers like Taylor Jenson, Bonga Perkins, Joel Tudor, Beau Young etc. I think I have the potential to be as good as these surfers if I have the right support.

My family have been great at supporting me to get to the level I have achieved so far. However, in order for me to become a top international surfer I will need



greater support than my family alone can provide. I need to experience surfing waves other than those in Britain and need to fund the cost of equipment, travel and contest expenses.

I understand that attracting good sponsors requires me to act in a sensible and professional manner and to ensure that the Company name is 'high profile' at all times.

I hope that you will consider my request seriously and sympathetically. I appreciate that you will get a lot of similar requests but can assure you that I would be an asset to your Company name. Any assistance you can provide in terms of equipment and financial support and guidance in terms of what arrangements you would require in return would be gratefully received.

Ben Haworth.

