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Julian Wilson and Nat Young riding the waves and showing off their moves to the final rounds



Arugam Bay waves living it up

Julian Wilson surfs higher

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Julian Wilson took the trophy of the Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) first Sri-Lankan Airlines Pro 2010 with a total winning score of 14.33 with Nat Young coming in second with 8.83 points.

Born in the Sunshine Coast of Australia, Wilson who is just 22 is the world's 15th ranked surfer, was been pushed into surfing with a great support from his family from the time he was little boy. He had picked his first sponsor at the age of 9, won the Queensland title at 12, collected the Australian Junior longboard title at 14, won many Pro Junior events and claimed the ISA World Championship in 2006. He came through to this event after a break from his ankle injury for three months and proved to all that he hasn't lost his touch to the water.

The beach was somewhat crowded with locals from surrounding areas and also with previous surfers who took part in the competition and media personnel from abroad and here who came to cover this event and give live coverage over the Internet. Towards the end of the event, school children from the Pottuvil Sinhala School came with their teachers on a field trip to draw the event that was taking place on that sunny day.

The closing ceremony took place just after sundown and everyone was dressed up in the whole sarong outfits, beach shorts, Hawaiian

shirts and beach frocks that made the evening more colourful. Some of us who were deliberately late, nearly missed the delightful buffet that was set out on the beach. While the DJ from Out-burst entertainment rocked the night with some pretty good mix of music, we were still snoring waiting for another long journey back home to sweet Colombo.



One of the surfers posing at the event



Julian Wilson accepting his award

Pictures by Sulochana Gamage



Nat Young



Julian Wilson

