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4th National Surf Circuit Date Leaves No Clear Favorite



Costa Rican surfers took to the waves for the fourth event of the 2009-2010 National Surf Circuit last weekend in Tamarindo, on the northern Pacific coast. The win went to Mattías Braun, 25, from the Nicoya peninsula beach town of Montezuma, making a different winner for each of this season's circuit events to date, and leaving no clear indication of who is likely to win the championship title when the contest rolls into the Central Pacific's Playa Hermosa for the finals in June.

In fact, none of the four surfers who battled it out in the final haet (bit-last minutes) last weekend -Braun, Federico Pilurzu, Isaac Vega and Jason Torres-competed in the circuit's previous three contests in Jacó, Esterillos and Limón, but all expressed a desire for a shot at the national title.

They will travel to the next dates in Santa Teresa, Nosara and Playa Hermosa in an effort to accomplish their goals. The women's division saw a big upset last weekend when Tamarindo resident Nataly Bernold,16, overtook 27-year-old Lisbeth Vindas, winner of all three previous dates this season, in the final hit to score the trophy.

The win makes the fight for the national women's championship title more interesting. "This is a date I really wanted to win," Bernold said, "I feel very motivated because I have been training a lot to win, and finally I did." The next date of the 2009-2010 National Surf Circuit is set to take place April 10 to 11 in Santa Teresa, on the southern Nicoya Peninsula.

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EXERCISE

After reading the previous text, choose the best answer for each question or statement. Write an X in the space provided.

1. Who won the fourth event of the 2009-2010 National Surf? A surfer from _____.

A) Jacó B) Limón C) Esterillos D) Montezuma

2. Where will some of the surfers practice in order to achieve their goal of winning the National Title? They will go to _____.

A) Jacó, Nosara and Santa Teresa B) Playa Hermosa, Santa Teresa and Nosara

C) Playa Hermosa, Tamarindo and Esterillos D) Península de Nicoya, Tamarindo and Limón

3. Why did Nataly Bernold win in Tamarindo? Because _____.

A) she is 16 B) she has always won

C) she has won three times before D) she has been working hard to win