



High flyer... Camps Bay bodyboarder Sacha Specker in action at the Wedge Classic in Plettenberg Bay, over the weekend.

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# Specker's on fire at Wedge Classic

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Sacha Specker, 24, from Camps Bay, won in the Drop Knee division at last week's Wedge Classic bodyboard contest, in Plettenberg Bay. An incredibly difficult skill to master, the Drop Knee position is an alternate method of riding a bodyboard and is done with one knee raised and the other left on the bodyboard.

Some competitors said the contest were the best that they had seen for years.

The Wedge, aptly named after the wedge-like shape of the wave, is one of South Africa's most desirable bodyboarding venues and competition was fierce throughout the South African Bodyboarding Association (SABA) endorsed contest.

Specker claimed victory after a closely contested final, held in testing two to four foot surf, with fellow competitors Daniel Worsley, David Lee and Plettenberg's Sampi Kamffer.

Specker has been in good form throughout the year and has proved to be unstoppable in his quest to claim the SABA tour title.

"I feel really good having won, but I am disappointed with the waves we had during the heat,"

said Specker, moments after his victory.

Specker is also one of South Africa's topPro division competitors and finished second behind Vaughn Harris, 28, from Gardens.

"It was also my goal to win the Pro division, but I am content with my performance on the tour this year. All in all the tour has been really good and, in my opinion, gets two thumbs up," said a relaxed Specker.

Specker, also won the Expression Session for his aerobatic antics.

A select group of riders had been chosen to be pulled towards oncoming waves by a high powered jet-ski. The riders then launched themselves off the wave and performed spectacular aerial manoeuvres.

On his future, Specker said that he was looking forward to competing in the upcoming South African Bodyboarding Championships, which will be held at Alkantstrand, in Ricahards Bay, in September and October.

He said he had just signed a new board sponsorship deal with an Australian bodyboard brand and that he was looking forward to the possibility of them manufacturing his own signature model.

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