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## **BRETT SIMPSON WINS 2009 US OPEN OF SURFING, MICK FANNING PODIUMS 2ND**

Brett Simpson (Huntington Beach, CA), 24, has claimed the Hurley 2009 U.S. Open of Surfing title over fellow teammate and former ASP World Champion Mick Fanning. From the solid south swell to the massive crowd, everything was larger than life, including surfing's biggest victory purse ever-\$100K. In addition to some fat bacon for the piggy bank, Brett's campaign for the 2010 World Tour has never looked better.



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"I couldn't believe it when the heat finished - I'm still at a loss," Simpson said. "I can't ask for more than to beat Mick Fanning in the Final at home. With that, and the \$100,000 and the 2,500 'QS points, I'm nearly in tears at the moment. My goal has always been to compete on the World Tour and I'm definitely focused on finishing the season strong."

Simpson wasted no time in coming out of the gates hot, collecting a 6.83, a 7.83 and a 9.10 in the opening half of the heat, utilizing his local knowledge of the Huntington Beach sandbanks.

"I knew the tide was coming up and there weren't going to be as many waves," Simpson said. "I knew I needed a quick start. We (Mick Fanning and I) both got off to pretty quick starts. We both picked up some good scores off the bat and I was able to build a little momentum throughout my opening waves."



Fanning was on fire as well, consistently unleashing all week. "It's been an amazing week for me," Fanning said. "I haven't been here for seven years and to come back into an event like this is just amazing. The setup, the crowd, the waves, it's all been a dream. Congratulations to Brett (Simpson), he's a true champion and we look forward to seeing him next year on tour."



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Simpson celebrated his triumph in our latest sunglass release-The Jet Vantage, featuring streamlined design with plush comfort and refined style. Fanning chose the white Recruit- our solution to a performance driven lifestyle, featuring inlaid rubber pads on both the nose bridge and temple tips, a classic style that's just as ready to perform as go out on the town.

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