

THE NEW GUARD

*Quincy Davis and
Frankie Harrer*

→ BECAUSE QUINCY DAVIS, 19, and Frankie Harrer, 16, are fiercely competitive female surfers who put their skills to the test in the ASP Women's World Qualifying Series, a contest known for both crushing dreams and churning out champions. Because they're poised to become the "next big things" in women's surfing, both possessing that elusive combination of style, charisma and raw talent that sends sponsors clamoring. Because Davis learned to surf on the waves of Montauk, New York, and now trains in the challenging waters of Rincón, Puerto Rico. Because the Volcom-sponsored athlete was forced to compete against boys when she started at age 11 because there were no girls in her age division. Because Harrer grew up surfing with the boys at her home break in Malibu and now chases big waves in Fiji and Hawaii. Because she broke the record for the most wins ever in a National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA) season in 2012. Because she gives her sponsor, Billabong, feedback on how to improve its wetsuits. Because despite having to battle it out against each other in the water, they're best friends again the moment their feet hit the sand. Because with these up-and-comers proving their mettle on the international stage, the future of women's surfing has never looked so bright. JG

