



TAJ ON TOP!

What a difference one event makes.

Back in December 2009 Taj Burrow felt his career was complete with a victory in the season-ending Billabong Pipe Masters.

Less than three months later, he now has his third successive contest victory and the world title lead after blowing away the field in the season-opening Quiksilver Pro at Snapper Rocks on Australia's Gold Coast.

"Winning at Pipe really felt like it made my career complete," said Taj after steamrolling past Jordy Smith in today's final.

"I felt like the world title was no longer the be-all and end-all, and I just felt content with everything. I'm fit and flexible and surfing at my best so I'm having fun and that's about all I care about.

"I'm not thinking about titles and things. I realise that when I'm happy and surfing good then everything else falls into place."

The one big thing that fell into place for Taj after today's victory was the early lead in the world ranking, a position he hasn't held since early 2007.

But it's not a statistic that he is focused on.

"I don't know when I was last in this position. I'm not looking at those things," he said.

Taj, who also won the Breaka Burreigh Pro World Qualifying Series event on the Gold Coast last month, said his equipment was working well.

"This is my first event on Billabong deck pads and I'm also working on a new grip with them so the win here is a nice start," he said.

Taj will now move on to the Boost Mobile Surfsho at Bondi next week and then head back to an event in his home state of Western Australia before travelling to Bells Beach for the second event of the world tour.

On route to his victory at Snapper Rocks, Taj took down Owen Wright, Chris Davidson, Adriano de Souza, Bobby Martinez and Jordy Smith.

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