

Brothers dominate

EMERALD Beach brothers Khane and Rees Duncan say they don't mind finishing second in wave skiing tournaments if the other is the winner.

It's a good thing, because invariably one of them finishes first with the other in hot pursuit.

That was again the outcome last week when Australia's best converged on Cave's Beach, Newcastle, for the Wavemaster Kuta Lines Australian wave ski tournament.

Khane, 25, finished first in the open division to claim his second National title with Rees, 31, the runner up.

However, Khane still has a few victories to notch before he catches his older brother, who has claimed six National titles and three world titles.

"There isn't really any rivalry between us," Khane said.

"We both go out there wanting to win, but we always get each other going and motivate the other.

"We don't mind coming second if the other wins."

After winning through to the four-man final, there was little between the Duncan boys, with Khane enjoying the better of the conditions.

The best three waves from the final are tabulated, but the flat conditions meant most of the finalists only registered one scoring wave.

"The final was over the 30 minutes (the heats and semi finals were 20 minutes) but it was late in the day and the conditions were average," Rees said.

"There were only four foot waves, with light on-shore winds.

"The four finalists all had one good wave each, but Khane got a second."

The pair, along with the two other finalists, qualified to represent Australia at the World championships at Brasil in November.

As well as the open division - the premier category at the Australian titles - the pair also competed in their respective age groups.

Rees won the senior division, with Khane finishing second in the new age category.

A third member of the Coffs Harbour wave ski club, Steve Cleary also came away from the National title with silverware, after finishing second in the B grade final.

Emerald Beach will host the National titles for the next two years.



Emerald Beach brothers Khane, left, and Rees Duncan continued their domination of Australian wave skiing, last week finishing first and second respectively at the Wavemaster Kuta Lines Australian titles at Newcastle.