Falcons Soar to Puerto Rico

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Recently, one of our very own falcons, Luke Prosa (12), represented not only us, but the Bahamas in the 2024 International World Surfing competition in Puerto Rico. The winners of the competition will advance to the summer Olympics!

Luke reminisced on his surfing beginnings by stating: “I got into surfing with my dad, he pretty much taught me how to surf”. He participated in 2 out of 3 of the competitions in Hope Town. He remarked that he “did pretty well”. He without a doubt did well! He got to compete in Puerto Rico!

When asked about Puerto Rico, Luke said that: “it is one of the most beautiful places I’ve ever been. The people are awesome; everybody’s kind.” Luke did very well in Puerto Rico, he came 2nd place in the second heat. This meant he could advance to the third heat. He stated: “I felt great. I didn’t think I would ever get 3rd heat.” Unfortunately, Luke did not advance past this. However, he still did remarkably well and is only 17 years old. He went up against very experienced surfers who were much older. Everybody, whether they were in Puerto Rico or back at home, were unexplainably impressed with Luke’s performance. “What I took away from this experience was that you don’t have to win to have fun.” Team Bahamas did not win the competition but Luke says that they “probably had the most fun out of everybody.”

He talked about the support radiating from the other teams; he mentioned Team Jamaica and Team British Virgin Islands. The support was not one sided, he said Team Bahamas would be “screaming and clapping” for the other teams. Luke spoke about the large sum of friends he made during this experience. “I made friends with people from Guam, Greece, Peru, The Dominican Republic, Ireland, Venezuela, El Salvador, and Puerto Rico.” What a list! Luke left Puerto Rico with new friends, a ton of support, and a new experience under his belt. We welcome Luke back to school with unwavering support!