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**OPENING PAGES**  
all jerseys,  
subjects' own

**Bode**  
all shoes and socks,  
subjects' own

ON BOUGUENNEC  
shirt, shorts,  
sweatpants,  
and hat, his own  
sunglasses \$218  
**Oakley**

ON KANAYAMA  
his own pants  
**South2 West8**  
glasses, his own

ON WILLIAMS  
sweatpants \$375  
**Aries**

ON BAURAMI  
his own tracksuit  
**Puma**

headband,  
stylist's own

ON SAUNDIS  
jacket \$1,550  
**Balenoga**

ON KASAGI  
shorts \$68  
**Lungnavon**

ON DRYSDALE  
shorts \$450  
**Thom Browne**

ON ASANO  
shorts \$150  
**Adidas Originals**

ON FERNANDEZ  
t-shirt \$1,100  
**Dior Men**

ON KUMUREK  
his own jacket  
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**ASHIMA AND HISATOSHI SHIRAISHI**  
The 20-year-old rock climbing prodigy and her father, Hisatoshi, 70, who has served as one of her coaches.  
"There's a strong connection between psychological wellness and climbing," says Ashima. "A lot of it has to do with trusting other people when they're belaying you and your life is in their hands."

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**THESE PAGES**  
ON ASHIMA SHIRAISHI tank top \$35  
**The North Face**  
her own shoes  
**Ashima x Brain Dead Zenist for Eoiv**  
ON HISATOSHI SHIRAISHI jacket \$445 pants \$340  
**Homme Pissé Issay Miyake** sweater \$1,080  
**Vivienne Westwood x Adidas Kronthaler** boots \$195  
**The North Face** his own socks  
**Gold Toe** glasses, his own

Over the next few months, I followed the BSA closely, curious about the community it had managed to build. One morning in April, I drove back down to the beach to meet with Lou Harris, 49, who founded the East Coast chapter of the BSA in 2016 with the goals of making Black surfers like him more visible and, together with a close-knit crew of BSA volunteers, teaching kids from the area how to surf and skate. (I arrived with an old shortboard I wanted to donate

that had been gathering dust in my apartment, but more on that in a bit.) In person, Harris, who has two Wu-Tang tattoos, is bouncy and incapable of sitting still. "He has the energy of someone who's 25," says Kevin Amuquandoh, a graduate student who volunteers with the BSA. Until recently, Harris worked full-time as a night doorman on the Upper East Side and would schlep back down to the beach to give local kids free morning surf lessons.

Harris tells me he made the decision to start the organization when he learned about a teenager who started a fire in Coney Island that ended up killing a police officer. "When the police found out it was a 16-year-old Black kid, they said to him, 'Why did you do it?' And he said that he was bored," recounts Harris. "That blew my mind. This police officer would be alive if only this kid had an activity? He knows that making himself and the people around him visible—whether that's grinding

or long days in the community or posting constantly on social media—is important: if he hopes to change tired old ideas of who gets to be seen as a surfer. "When I first started giving surf lessons, there was this one lady on the phone who didn't know I was Black," says Harris. "When she got to the lesson, she was looking for the instructor. I said, 'It's me!' And she said, 'No, you're not Louis!'"  
These days, the BSA is a motley yet tight-knit cluster of friends who, with Harris at

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