

Leaders consolidate their positions at Teretonga

The three class leaders in the Suzuki New Zealand Production Racing Championships, Cody McMaster (Class A), Dale Williams (Class B) and Simon Sceats (Class C) all excelled at the penultimate round held at Teretonga Park Invercargill last weekend. Although other drivers took out wins at the meeting, these three will be hard to beat in their class championships with only one round left to run, at Manfeild.

In Class C for 2 litre turbo charged four wheel drive cars Zane Coppins underlined his increasing competitiveness by taking out the Class win and winning the scratch race. Season long points leader Simon Sceats, though, did enough to all but seal the championship by finishing second in the class and winning the reverse top eight grid race. Sceats, driving the sole Subaru WRX Sti in the class, strengthened his position, especially as his closest rival Logan Childs had a “character building” weekend.

The on track battles are heating up as the season wears on in Class B for two wheel drive cars. Mike Modgill got the better of season long rival Dale Williams on this occasion by taking maximum points for the weekend with his Honda Integra and he also won the third race, the handicap three flag drop race, overall, managing to stay ahead of the chasing four wheel drive cars. Williams, however, still managed to take second in class and maintain the Class B points lead.

A new class winner emerged in Class A – which also doubles as the Suzuki Swift Sport Cup. Dane Fisher has shown pace from the moment he arrived in the series. He took his opportunity at Teretonga and won Class A for the meeting. Class A points leader Cody McMaster did not do as poorly as he had anticipated carrying maximum weight, and took out second for the meeting ahead of Brock Barrie.

While the other Tier 1 classes have now concluded, the Suzuki New Zealand Production Racing Championship competitors now prepare for their final round at Manfeild on March 29/30.

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