

CONROY ADDS SOUTH ISLAND FORMULA FORD CHAMPIONSHIP TO NATIONAL TITLE

Jamie Conroy of Invercargill has completed his stellar season by adding the South Island Formula Ford Championship title to the New Zealand title he won two weeks ago. The twenty-two year old Southlander sealed his latest championship at the final round of the Ace Hire South Island Formula Ford Championship at Mike Pero Motorsport Park at Ruapuna in Christchurch on Sunday.

Racing amongst a mixed field of Sports and Racing Cars Conroy set the fastest time of the South Island Championship competitors in qualifying on Sunday morning and went on to win all three races to clean sweep the round and collect both titles in his rookie season.

Conroy has had a brilliant debut season, winning sixteen of the eighteen races in the National Championship and fifteen of the eighteen races in the South Island Series. He has also finished every single race he contested. "It is a credit to Wal Willmott, Craig Hewlett and the rest of the guys," Conroy said as he paid tribute to his crew after the completion of racing at Ruapuna. "The Progressive Engineering Southland Ltd/Waikato Milking Systems Mygale was so reliable."

Conroy went to Mike Pero Motorsport Park four points behind Christchurch driver Michael Collins with another Christchurch driver Ryan Yardley also close on points. Collins had ongoing brake issues in two of the three races and Yardley had a suspension arm break which put him off the road. "It's a shame," said Conroy. "They both had dramas and it would have been good to battle it out today."

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