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Championship winners decided at Manfeild

Simon Sceats (Class C), Dale Williams (Class B) and Cody McMaster (Class A and Suzuki Swift Sport Cup) tied up their respective Suzuki New Zealand Production Racing Championship titles at the series final round at Manfeild over the weekend.

Each of the three drivers had comfortably led their classes on points going into the weekend, but the racing was hard, nevertheless. Mark Whyte (Class A and Suzuki Swift Sport Cup) emerged as the overall round winner by winning three races from as many starts.

After a fine day on the Saturday, during which young guns Logan Childs and Scott McKelvie finished one and two in the scratch race, the weather was wet and the track damp for Sunday's two races, the precipitation and the slippery nature of the recently re-sealed track surface combined to catch out several drivers.

In the difficult conditions, Sceats underlined that he is indeed a worthy Class C champion by winning the reverse grid race and the handicap (separate flag drop) race with his Subaru Impreza STi.

Former C Class competitor Dale Williams also demonstrated superb car control by winning Class B in each of the three races and finishing second overall in one race. Williams win in the Class B Championship marked a successful return to racing for Mazda New Zealand whose Mazda3 MPS Williams has campaigned this season.

Cody McMaster, who had led the Class A and Suzuki Swift Sport Cup points chase all season, was strangely off the pace at the final meeting, perhaps as a result of his weight penalty, but he did enough to clinch the championship and reward the confidence shown in him by the Suzuki Swift Sport Cup Scholarship judging panel.

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