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Snow demands extra pedal p

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The Perry Foundation South Island Secondary Schools Cycling Championships were held at the Ruapuna Raceway last weekend in what could only be described as challenging.

Saturday competition was scheduled to be based on individual and team time trial events, however within 10 minutes of the finish of the individual time trial, the snow arrived, forcing race coordinator Bruce Dawe to cancel the afternoon team event to ensure the health and safety of the riders.

The individual time trial was raced over a 3.4km circuit with 215 riders tackling the exposed course in a race against the clock.

The top-placed Canterbury riders in each grade were:

Under 14 Girls: Chloe McCaughan Villa Maria College 1st 6:06.39.

Under 15 Girls: Brooke Williams Ellesmere College 3rd 6:12.01.

Under 16 Girls: Olivia Wieblitz Villa Maria College 2nd 6:43.50

Under 17 Girls: Elizabeth Steel Villa Maria College 1st 5:48.59; Haley Mercer Villa Maria College 2nd 5:54.00.

Under 20 Girls: Cara Smith Villa Maria College 1st 4:44.77; Ali Davies Burnside HS 2nd 5:57.68.

Under 15 Boys: George Hubbard Chch Boys HS 1st 5:10.99; Tayla Harrison Chch Boys HS 2nd 5:12.70.

Under 16 Boys: Alex Frame Cashmere HS 2nd 5:18.84.

Under 17 Boys: Tom Armstrong Christ's College 1st 4:34.25.

Under 20 Boys: James McCoy St Andrews College 1st 4:59.87; Ollly Manson Christ's College 3rd 5:03.00.

Conditions were much improved for the road race competition on the Sunday. There was still a bitterly cold wind, but sunshine had replaced the rain and snow.

Many of the races featured close



sprint finishes with riders competing over varying distances according to their age grade. Several riders showed their dominance as they backed up medal performances from the time trial to feature in the road race results.

The top place Canterbury riders in each grade were:

Under 14 Girls: 10km Chloe McCaughan Villa Maria College 2nd.

Under 15 Girls: 14km Brooke Williams Ellesmere College 3rd.

Under 16 Girls: 20km Olivia Wieblitz Villa Maria College 2nd.

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