



need to decide which one I would like to specialise in. I don't have a preference at the moment - I enjoy racing in both of them so much.

HOPES: I want to represent New Zealand in the elite road racing squad and race in Europe in a professional racing team. I would also like to compete in both the world championships and Olympic Games in both track and road cycling. I know what's expected of me to make that happen, and I have a good team of people around me who are helping me out and keeping me going.

INFLUENCES: My coach Julian Ineson was the one who got me into cycling and has helped me achieve my goals. Cycling Southland also helps out a lot which I'm thankful for - it's always putting on events. We get to watch and race with the elite riders which is huge because they are the people I look up to and want to be one day.

CHALLENGES: It's an expensive sport. Track and road cycling use different equipment so it soon adds up but thankfully mum and dad have helped me out a lot. I was lucky enough to win Cycling Southland's U17 men's series sponsored by Baxter and Neilson Plumbers last year, which meant they supplied my wheels for the track which was a massive help. Favourite track event: I like the omnium where you race six events including the elimination, scratch race, points race, the flying lap, the kilo and individual pursuit.



Josh Haggerty

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Josh Haggerty is yet another cycling talent to emerge from Southland, and the 16-year-old is going to keep pushing the pedals until he makes it. The Southland Boys' High student won a collection of medals at last year's age group track nationals, and also powered his way to runner-up King of the Mountains during the Yunca Junior Tour of Southland.

TRAINING: When I'm training on the roads I'll ride around 100 kilometres a day depending on what part of the season it is or my block of training, but even when I'm focusing on the track season I'll still complete these distances. I'll start doing a bit more strength training soon, too.

TRACK VS ROAD: Eventually I'll