

# ACHIEVERS

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## MOTORSPORTS



■ **AMERICAN ROAD RACE OF CHAMPIONS:** Fort Myers resident Matthew Inge, a freshman at Virginia Tech, competed in the American Road Race of Champions at Road Atlanta on Nov. 11, vying for a national title in the Formula SC class. Twenty-one competitors from as far away as Washington and Aruba were present to showcase their skills and race for the prestigious title. Inge was happy with his fourth-place showing in his first appearance at the national-championship race, considering the crash damage that took the edge off the car. Road Atlanta then hosted the culmination of the pro racing series with a 20-lap sprint race scheduled after one early morning qualifying session. With two laps to go, Inge dove inside of Justin Huffman at the hairpin, going deep into the turn with heavy braking. Huffman tried to copy the effort, but locked up his left-side tires. Inge was able to pull out of the turn first and built a 10-car-length lead. Inge was able to extend this margin on the last lap and brought home the victory. Huffman fell into the clutches of Mount Dora's Jim Swaim on a last-lap pass, with the top-three finishers being Inge, Swaim and Huffman. With the win, Inge ended the season with the Central Florida Region championship in Formula SC, the South Atlantic Road Racing Championship Invitational win and second in the Southeast U.S. championship. He was also voted Rookie of the Year by his fellow competitors.