



FLYING SCOT: Alex Gault is out to improve on his first-round British championship performance of 10th place.

Gault 10th in first race in British bike championship

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MOTORCYCLE racer Alex Gault came home in a morale-boosting 10th place as he made his debut in the British championship in front of 28,000 spectators.

The 14-year-old from Carlisle was racing for the first time on the 1.2-mile Brands Hatch "indy" circuit. He achieved the best result of all those riders who were competing in their maiden race at the famous venue.

Representing Team Barrus Malaguti, he also made an instant impact on his new bike, as he was the first non-Honda rider to com-

plete the 125gp race. He came home in a time of 18 minutes 58.391 seconds, less than 12 seconds behind the winner.

It was an unexpectedly good performance by the teenager, who had struggled throughout practice and qualifying and was not even assured of a place on the oversubscribed starting grid.

Alex's inexperience on the circuit and