



**ON POLE POSITION:** Carluke racer Alex Gault has signed a three-year contract with Malaguti which could see him compete in the world championship.

# Race ace Alex ties up three-year deal with Malaguti bikes

CHAMPION motorcycle racer Alex Gault has signed a three-year contract with Italian company Malaguti to compete in this year's British championship.

If the 14-year-old from Carluke is successful, he will go on to compete in the moto GP 125cc class in 2006, and could become the first UK rider in six years to appear in the world championship on a factory bike.

The opportunity has been secured following lengthy negotiations throughout the winter, with many of his dedicated supporters working hard to make it a great success.

Alex is now privileged to be competing on one of only five Malaguti 125cc GP bikes in existence at this season's British super bike meetings.

The current junior racing association champion, he has a longstanding sporting association with Italy — shortly after taking up racing, he became the official UK rider for ZPF minibikes, winning three national and two regional titles between 2001 and 2003.

However, dad Alex senior said: "The only

problem is funding — he will be up against the strongest, highly-financed opposition on a very tight budget.

"With Malaguti concentrating on the world championship, they have supplied the bike and spares package, and Alex's team have to fund everything else.

"At the moment, we are about £10,000 short of our budget and we are trying to raise the cash."

So far, Alex has received offers of support from loyal sponsors Barrus/Malaguti, MAG Sport, Sam Dornan Motors, ZPF Minibike, Scott-Fibres, Duck Tape, Q8 Oils, D&A Kitchens, Specialised Coatings, and WIZ & JMT Manufacturing; and more recently, he has also joined forces with P&D Tire Warmers, M Tec leathers, W2 boots, Vemar crash helmets and Dunlop Tyres UK.

Any individual or business who would like to join the team or lend financial support ahead of their most exciting and high-profile season to date can contact Alex through his official website, [www.minimotoracer.com](http://www.minimotoracer.com).