

No stopping rampant Gault in JRA competition

ALEX GAULT (Barrus Malaguti) did not have things all his own way in the four JRA races over the weekend during the Preston & DMC meeting at Three Sisters.

In the end the 14-year-old Scot won them all, but Matt Cole (Honda), Louis Dadge (Gerry Stacey Honda) and Richard Wardle (Honda) made him work for them all.

Two thirds through Saturday's trophy outing, Gault slipped by Dadge and then took Cole to take the lead.

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A couple of super-quick laps opened up a winning margin of 1.9 seconds over Cole, with Dadge third and Wardle fourth.

Best of the Formula 125s was Nicky Robinson (Aprilia 125) in sixth spot, while 12-year-old Alex Bedford (Cagiva) was ninth, the first of the Formula 80s.

Gault had his head down from the start of the points race, leaving Cole, Dadge and Wardle fighting it out behind.

But with Gault not taking points it meant the trio were in fact battling for the win.

Gradually Cole and Dadge pulled away from Wardle.

At the chequered flag it was Dadge, the 16-year-old from Worcester, who had edged in front of Cole by a fifth of a second.

Wardle was fourth home with Robinson, in sixth place, again the best F125 and Bedford, in eighth spot, the first F80.

Sunday's trophy race

gave Gault another chance to shine, with the usual suspects, Wardle, Cole and Dadge, picking up the pieces.

Gault won by almost 19 seconds, with Cole getting the better of Dadge this time to take second spot.

Sam Crooks was the best F125 home in fifth place.

Gault had another start-to-finish win in the points race, crossing the finish line well over 24 seconds clear of Cole, who this time had

a comfortable four second lead over Dadge, with Wardle fourth, just one tenth of

Results:

SATURDAY

First Race (All races 5 laps - 4.65 miles unless stated):

1 Alex Gault (Malaguti 125) 4m 59.5s - 55.89mph, 2 Matt Cole (Honda 125), 3 Louis Dadge (Stacey Honda 125), 4 Richard Wardle (Honda 125), 5 Billy Mellor (Jawa 80), 6 Nicky Robinson (Aprilia 125), 7 Benjamin Sidebottom (Yamaha 125), 8 A. N. Other, 9 Alex Bedford (Cagiva 80). FL: Gault 57.6s - 58.13mph.

Second:

1 Gault 4m 49.1s - 57.90mph, 2 Dadge, 3 Cole, 4 Wardle,

5 Mellor, 6 Robinson, 7 Sam Crooks (Aprilia 125), 8 Bedford. FL: Gault 56.5s - 59.26mph.

SUNDAY

First Race:

1 Gault 4m 43.5s - 59.05mph, 2 Cole, 3 Dadge, 4 Wardle, 5 Crooks, 6 Sidebottom. FL: Gault 55.3s - 60.54mph.

Second (7 laps - 6.51 miles):

1 Gault 6m 30.8s - 59.97mph, 2 Cole, 3 Dadge, 4 Wardle, 5 Robinson, 6 Sidebottom, 7 Crooks, 8 Bedford. FL: 54.6s - 61.32mph.

a second down.

Robinson, in fifth place, took maximum points in the F125 class and Bedford, in eighth position, won the F80 battle.