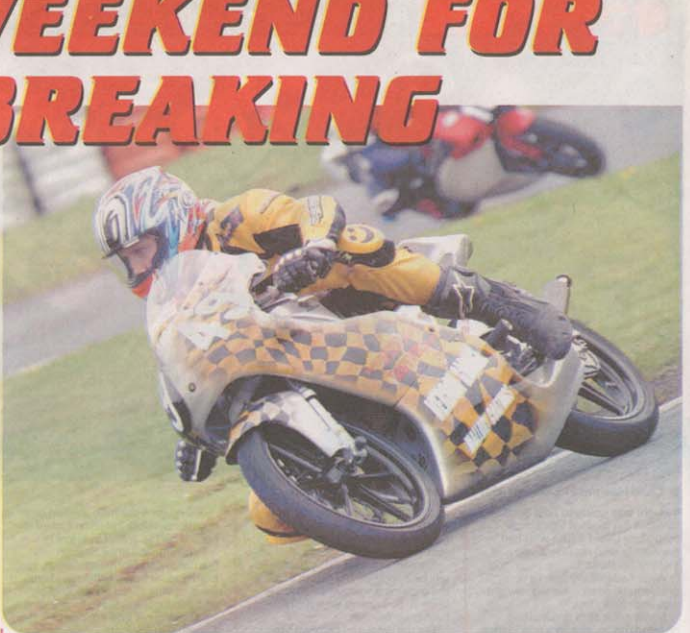


A BUSY WEEK FOR RECORD-BREAKING GAULT!



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ALLEX GAULT, the 14-year-old schoolboy from Carluge, near Motherwell, returned to Three Sisters for his two day Preston & DMC meeting looking to both fill in between the long summer break in the British 125GP series and set a new lap record.

The teenager succeeded in achieving both his ambitions. Gault, on the Barrus Malaguti, raced ten times over the weekend, won nine of them and set new lap records in three classes, including a new absolute circuit best at 54.6 seconds.

On the opening day Gault raced in the Preston Club's 125 class, the Open Single-Cylinder races and the two JRA events.

Gault started in the Club 125 trophy race, but from the back of the grid he could only make it through to second place in the five laps available behind championship leader Ashley Cornell (RTI (UK) Ltd Honda), the very quick 18-year-old from Preston, who set the fastest lap.

Gault notched-up his first win and a fastest lap in the JRA trophy race and then took victory in the Single-Cylinder trophy outing, pushed all the way by Cornell.

Then came three wins in the

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championship races for those same classes, but Gault asked for his results to be disregarded in the allocation of points.

He won all three. This time Simon Griffiths (Honda), who had taken third place to Gault and Cornell in the two earlier races, was second home in the Club 125 outing, beating Cornell to the finish line by three tenths of a second.

Gault won the Junior race, setting a new class lap record at 55.2 seconds and he wrapped-up the day with victory in the Singles, followed home by Griffiths and Cornell.

Gault had set a new class lap record in the Single-Cylinder class, too, at 55 seconds and there was little dispute at him being given the 'Man of the Meeting' award for the day.

Gault elected to run in only the JRA and Club 125 events the following day, to allow more time to make changes to the bike before the BSB meeting at Silverstone on August 21.

There were wins in both trophy races, with Cornell and Griffiths the main opposition.

Gault was still looking for a new absolute lap record and he came close in the 125 points race.

Gault ran out the winner,

with Griffiths snatching second place from Cornell, after an audacious pass on the penultimate lap.

Gault's best lap was 54.8 seconds, a class record.

In his tenth and last race, Gault won again and he lapped at 54.6 seconds, breaking Jay Dunn's recently established outright circuit record.

Gault won the Pro Care Medical Services Trophy for that and his performances over the weekend also earned him the George McDonough Memorial trophy, which he had also won back in 2003.

With Gault missing it was left to Cornell and Griffiths to fight

it out on their own in Sunday's Single-Cylinder races.

Cornall won the trophy race, with Griffiths second and the injured Jay Fletcher (Honda 125) third, with the trio covered by four fifths of a second.

Cornall and Fletcher had joint fastest laps.

Griffiths won the championship race from Cornell, who set the fastest lap, by just a fifth of a second. Fletcher was third over five seconds further back.

Cornall and Griffiths carried on their duels in the up to six races, too.

Griffiths won the first on Saturday by just half a second

from Cornell, picking his rival on the last corner, but he crashed out of the second while trying to overtake Cornell, who went on to win. Cornell beat Griffiths in both races on Sunday.

Dave Bowcock (Yamaha 600), the 22-year-old from Eccles, Manchester, looked set for a similar great weekend to Gault's until he was involved in a big crash with Gary Chew (Suzuki 600) late on Saturday.

Bowcock had taken a start-to-finish victory in the first 600 race, by just tenths of a second over his main rival Dave Walker (Buckhurst Plant Hire/Shampoodles & Setters



Saturday Results:

250-750cc

First Race (All races 5 laps - 4.05 miles unless stated)

1 Jason Caunce (Honda 350) 5m 12.0s - 53.55mph, 2 Paul Schofield (Kawasaki 630), 3 Brian Hillan (Honda 600), 4 Keith Ferrari (Suzuki 750), 5 David Griffiths (Kawasaki 750), 6 Tony Crompton (Honda 500), 7 Mark Bradley (Yamaha 600), 8 John Allen (Honda 250), 9 Tony Holt (MZ 600), 10 Nigel Beck (Hejira 530). FL: Caunce 1m 1.5s - 58.80mph.

Second:

1 Schofield 5m 16.1s - 52.96mph, 2 Hillan, 3 Ferrari, 4 Griffiths, 5 Bradley, 6 Crompton, 7 Allen, 8 Holt, 9 Beck, 10 Angela Crapp (Kawasaki 500). FL: Schofield 1m 1.8s - 54.17mph.

Classic

First Race (4 laps - 3.72 miles): 1 Mark Butterworth (Triumph 500) 4m 18.9s - 52.13mph, 2 Jason Caunce (Honda 250), 3 Tony Benson (Norton 250), 4 Barry Davies (Honda 350), 5 Mike Schofield (Benelli 251), 6 John Allen (Honda 350), 7 Keith Savage (Rickman Triumph 750), 8 Neil Ogden (Suzuki 500), 9 Carl Ogden (Suzuki 500), 10 Michael Hunt (Suzuki 500). FL: Butterworth 1m 1s - 54.05mph.

Second (3 laps - 2.79 miles):

1 Caunce 3m 7.8s - 53.54mph, 2 Butterworth, 3 Benson, 4 Davies, 5 Allen, 6 Schofield, 7 N Ogden, 8 C Ogden, 9 Savage, 10 Hunt. FL: Caunce 1m 1.1s - 54.90mph.

Formula 400

First Race (3 laps - 2.79 miles): 1 Brian Purdy (Honda) 3m 13s - 52.04mph, 2 Richard Owen (Yamaha), 3 Anthony Fishwick (Honda), 4 Andy Hawthorn (Yamaha), 5 David Mills (Kawasaki), 6 Richard Bradbury (Suzuki

(Kawasaki). FL: Purdy 1m 24s - 53.65mph.

Second:

1 Andy Burgin (Aprilia 250) 5m 9.3s - 54.12mph, 2 Purdy, 3 Owen, 4 Hawthorn, 5 David Mills, 6 Bradbury, 6 Foster, 7 Heath Fairbrother (Suzuki 250), 10 Hosker. FL: Burgin 55.5s - 58.27mph.

125cc

First Race (All Honda): 1 Ashley Cornell 4m 55.5s - 56.05mph, 2 Alex Gault (Malaguti), 3 Simon Griffiths, 4 Richard Wardle, 5 Matt Cook, 6 Jay Fletcher, 7 Jonathan Crompton, 8 Steve Dawson, 9 Andrew Crowthor, 10 Hayley Moss. FL: Cornell 57.8s - 57.32mph.

Second:

1 Gault 4m 44.7s - 58.08mph, 2 Griffiths, 3 Cornell, 4 Cook, 5 Wardle, 6 Crompton, 7 Fletcher, 8 Crowthor, 9 Dawson. FL: Gault 55.6s - 60.27mph.

250cc

First Race: 1 Andy Burgin (Aprilia) 5m 4.9s - 54.30mph, 2 Chris Blair (Honda).

Second:

1 Burgin 5m 7.3s - 54.47mph, 2 Blair. Single-Cylinder First Race: 1 Simon Griffiths (Honda 125) 4m 49.4s - 57.84mph, 2 Ashley Cornell (Honda 125), 3 Andy Burgin (Aprilia 250), 4 Andrew Crowthor (Honda 125), 5 Andy Hawthorn (Yamaha 600), 6 Brian Purdy (Honda 400), 7 John Allen (Honda 400), 8 Carl Foster (Honda 400), 9 Paul Stroud (Honda 400), 10 Chris Blair (Honda 250). FL: Griffiths 56.2s - 58.94mph.

Second (7 laps - 6.51 miles):

1 Cornell 6m 42.7s - 57.32mph, 2 Burgin, 3 Crowthor, 4 Dawson, 5 Hawthorn, 6 Stroud, 7 Blair, 8 Beck, 9 Griffiths 5m 26.2s - 68.57mph.

1300cc Open

First Race: 1 Dave Bowcock (Yamaha 600) 4m 55.4s - 56.67mph, 2 Gary Chew (Suzuki 600), 3 Dave Walker (Kawasaki 600), 4 Alan Shaw (Yamaha 600), 5 Phil Clark (Yamaha 600), 6 Matthew Cannon (Yamaha 600), 7 Brian Hilton (Honda 600), 8 Tony Allan (Yamaha 600), 8 Andy Crowthor, 10 John Jones (Yamaha Triumph 955). FL: Bowcock 57.5s - 54.27mph.

Second:

1 Dave Bowcock (Yamaha 600) 4m 55.4s - 56.67mph, 2 Gary Chew (Suzuki 600), 3 Dave Walker (Kawasaki 600), 4 Alan Shaw (Yamaha 600), 5 Phil Clark (Yamaha 600), 6 Matthew Cannon (Yamaha 600), 7 Brian Hilton (Honda 600), 8 Tony Allan (Yamaha 600), 8 Andy Crowthor, 10 John Jones (Yamaha Triumph 955). FL: Bowcock 57.5s - 54.27mph.

1 Dave Bowcock (Yamaha) 4m 58.4s - 53.65mph, 2 Dave Walker (Kawasaki), 3 Lee Kennedy (Suzuki), 4 Tony Allan (Yamaha), 5 Alan Glasgow (Yamaha), 6 Phil Clark (Yamaha), 7 Gary Chew (Suzuki), 8 Jason Thorpe (Honda), 9 Kevin Duckworth (Honda), 10 Phil Howarth (Yamaha). FL: Walker 56.4s - 59.83mph.

Second:

1 Bowcock 4m 48s - 57.92mph, 2 Walker, 3 Chew, 4 Glasgow, 5 Clarke, 6 Kennedy, 7 Duckworth, 8 Matthew Cannon (Yamaha), 9 Howarth, 10 Allan. FL: Bowcock 58.8s - 58.94mph.

500cc

First Race: 1 Simon Griffiths (Honda 125) 4m 49.4s - 57.84mph, 2 Ashley Cornell (Honda 125), 3 Andy Burgin (Aprilia 250), 4 Andrew Crowthor (Honda 125), 5 Andy Hawthorn (Yamaha 600), 6 Brian Purdy (Honda 400), 7 John Allen (Honda 400), 8 Carl Foster (Honda 400), 9 Paul Stroud (Honda 400), 10 Chris Blair (Honda 250). FL: Griffiths 56.2s - 58.94mph.

Second (7 laps - 6.51 miles):

1 Fletcher 6m 36.2s - 56.32mph, 2 Peter Millington (Max Salomon Derbyshire 600), 3 Mike Schofield/Tony Bradley (Honda 600), 4 Jeff/Carolee Buckley (Yamaha 600), 5 Hawthorn (Honda 125), 10 Mark Glasgow. FL: Fletcher 57.5s - 58.28mph.

Sidcar

First Race: 1 Craig Hauxwell/David Wynn Williams (Yamaha) 6m 17.2s - 52.70mph, 2 Peter Millington/Mike Salomon (Derbyshire 600), 3 Mike Schofield/Tony Bradley (Honda 600), 4 Jeff/Carolee Buckley (Yamaha 600), 5 Hawthorn (Honda 125), 10 Mark Glasgow. FL: Hauxwell/Wynn Williams 1m 2s - 54.00mph.

Second:

1 Hauxwell/Wynn Williams 5m 15s - 53.14mph, 2 Millington/Salomon, 3 Buckley/Bradley, 4 Schofield/Bradley. FL: Hauxwell/Wynn Williams 1m 1.9s - 54.05mph.

Third:

1 Hauxwell/Wynn Williams 6m 18.1s - 44.27mph, 2 Millington/Salomon, 3 Buckley/Bradley, 4 Hauxwell/Wynn Williams 1m 11.4s - 49.89mph.