

Gault snapped up by Kawasaki team

MOTORCYCLE champion Alex Gault has been snapped up to race for Astro Kawasaki team in this year's national superstock championship, his first full assault on the British title.

The 17-year-old from Carluke will compete in the 600cc class at the 12-round series, which runs alongside the premier British superbike contest and will see him roar round tracks including Brand's Hatch and Oulton Park as well as familiar Fife circuit, Knockhill.

He will take part in the hotly-contested series on a new ZX6R bike, which has a top speed of 155 miles per hour and will be tuned and maintained by expert mechanics from YPE Power in Edin-

burgh, who helped the rising star to success at Scottish and British level last season.

The local rider has been selected to join a three-strong Kawasaki team, with his results counting alongside those of 21-year-old Kenny Gilbertson, who will ride in the 100cc class, and 15-year-old Sean Winfield, who will ride in the British 125gp championship.

Alex said: "I rode in that same event class in 2005 and learned a huge amount, and I realised then that the British championship was where I needed to be if I wanted to make it in this sport.

"This series is so tough and so competitive that it forces you to lift your game, so I'm over the moon to be riding in junior superstock for Astro Kawasaki Racing, especially on the ZX6.



NEW CHALLENGE: Carluke motorcycle racer Alex Gault will be competing for Kawasaki in 2008.

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"I rode one last year at Knockhill and loved it. It wasn't the most powerful bike out there but was easily the best for handling."

Astro Kawasaki team manager Stuart Tromans added: "I've always had a policy of encouraging newer riders, which is exactly

what we're doing here with Alex and Sean, and I know we can challenge for some real results this season."

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