

Alex races to collect more silverware on the motorcycle track

CARLUKE motorcycling champion Alex Gault added further silverware to his collection last weekend when he was awarded the Ross Leigh Challenge Trophy for the best performance of the season at a Scottish road race.

The 15-year-old received

his prize at this season's Scottish awards ceremony in Kirkcaldy, in recognition of his performance at Knockhill in the June meeting when he won both races and broke the lap record on his RVF 400 bike.

His performance came in the fifth and sixth rounds of

the Scottish series, when he took pole for both events and won in respective times of 55.792 seconds and 55.3sec, the latter seeing him cross the line more than four seconds ahead of his nearest rival.

The historic award, which dates back to 1952, has previ-

ously been won by a who's who of Scottish motorcycling, including illustrious names such as Bob Macintyre, Bill Simpson, Jock Taylor, Alan Duffus, Jim Moody, Rodger Bennett, Les Shand and the new holder's current YPE team mate, Torquil Patterson.

Alex has now sold the bikes on which he won his latest trophy and the 500cc bike which he rode to victory in the CB500 Cup, as he prepares to contest next year's Scottish championship on a GSXR600 machine.

Work is currently underway

on preparing his new bike, on which it is hoped he will contest the GSXR Trophy, to be contested on premier tracks including Silverstone, Oulton Park and Brands Hatch.

He will begin practising for next season as soon as next month, when he is expected to

try out a Yamaha R6 for the first time at Donington Park.

Sponsorship is required to help Alex and his team meet the £12,000 entry cost of the competition; for a prospectus and further information, log onto his official website, www.minimotoracer.com.