

# Testing time as Alex takes to the track with his new bike

ALEX Gault took part in an encouragingly successful testing session when he climbed aboard a new bike for the first time.

However, the local teenage motorcyclist's sporting plans for next season are still to be decided.

The Carluke youngster and his team are considering entering the British Super Sport Cup as one of their main events.

And Alex recorded practice lap times last weekend which would have been sufficient for a

place on the grid for the prestigious Super Cup.

However, the huge cost of participating in the competition could put the brakes on that proposal for the season.

Dad Alex senior said that they will be taking time to consider all the options for the new season before coming to any final decisions.

He continued: "We were on track with the route he would take next year until the prize was announced for the GSXR Trophy — a 1000cc super

stock bike for 2008.

"However, there are also plans to run an R6 club championship with the winner gaining free entry into the main R6 cup in 2008.

"Alex has tested with the team that would like to run him in the British Super Sport Cup, which runs in the main championship for riders on limited budgets.

"It's almost back to square one at the moment — the Super Sport Cup would be the most expensive route but it's without

doubt the highest profile to take part in.

"However, until Alex takes to the grid for the first race of the season, nothing is certain."

Alex's testing session saw him meet team officials from JJR and MKW Racing at the famous Donington circuit.

The Carluke youngster instantly took to the 99 Yamaha J6 bike, even though it was his first time aboard a 600cc machine.

The first two sessions around the circuit saw him return to the pits to check

the temperature gauge and make minor adjustments to the bike's suspension.

He also took the opportunity of speaking to leaders of the Super Sport teams about his performance.

Alex then recorded his fastest time of the day during his third practice session on the circuit.

And, after further work on the suspension, he then lapped the grand prix circuit in a time of 1:44 which would have seen him qualify for the British Super Sport race if he had

been competing in the event this season.

Alex senior said that everyone was delighted with the performances which augur well for the future.

He concluded: "Considering the circumstances, which were that it was his first time aboard a 600cc bike, which was older and on loan, with the suspension not set up for his weight, and in cold blustery conditions, everyone thought his performance was extremely impressive."