



# Alex makes a blinding start to the season !

Alex Gault

**W**ith only one test day aboard the RVF400, only the second time Alex had raced at Knockhill Alex stunned everyone! Not being known in Scotland, no one took much notice of the youngster lining up on the 400 Grid. That was until Alex took pole by almost half a second from last year's production champion Lewis Farrow.

Just before the first race, we realised Alex had never done a race start on this bike, not even in practice, predictably it went wrong. Back to 10th after the start, however he made his way through the pack and by lap 7 of the 12 lapper, he was in third place. The last 5 laps were amazing, you couldn't have slid a fag paper between the 3 bikes at the last corner. On the last lap Alex slipped underneath on the brakes, got the inside line for the hairpin and won the sprint for the line by 0.08 of a second, not only had Alex won but had also broken the circuit record for the class, putting in a time of 56.091. I had to ask myself, considering the difficulties we had last year, through this winter and in the run up to his first outing. "How'd he do that?"

**Race 2** and a repeat of the fluffed start but this time he came to the fore by lap 5 and it was Graig McClelland who put him under extreme pressure in the remaining laps. Again it went down to the wire with Alex winning by only 0.12 of a second. Stunning Racing!

**Then on to Snetterton** for rounds 1 & 2 of The CB500 Cup, the largest grid for years. Some well prepared bikes by professional teams proved this is a very competitive series to be contending.

Alex had an awesome start in his campaign on the MAG SPORT-backed Honda with 24 bikes lined up on the start. In race 1 which was held in dry conditions he obliterated the competition, winning by over 11 seconds from second placed Ulsterman Jamie Hamilton, by the time race 2 came round it had rained and this was a new experience for Alex as he has never had the opportunity to test in wet conditions. A slow start from pole saw him enter the first corner in 9th place but swiftly made



Alex on the CB 500



To the victor the spoils

his way to the front to win the second race by 1.5 seconds, in front of last year's runner up Sam Parry.

His achievements over the first day earned Alex the Uniform solution's 'Man Of The Meeting' Award.

**Round 2** the following day at the same Norfolk Circuit saw Alex lift two more hard fought victories against the Ulsterman Hamilton in very wet conditions, maintaining his 100% record of wins from 6 starts as he now leads both Scottish Superbike 400 and the 'CB500 Cup' Championships. The next two rounds are to be held at Oulton Park in Cheshire and Pembrey in Wales, here's hoping for similar results.

It's been a fantastic start to this new chapter in his racing career. The Scottish 400 series is under revue as we still have not attracted any support and we have learned from lessons last year. Alex can not be competitive without a budget to work from. If any one would like more information on what is involved and the benefits that could be paid please contact us through Alex's web site at: -

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