

Press Release

SUZUKI GB OPTS FOR YOUTH IN GSX-R CUP ASSAULT

Suzuki GB has announced its rider line-up for the 2007 GSX-R European Cup and, with two teenagers in the team, the company has signalled a clear intention to develop younger riders as part of its ongoing racing strategy.

Alex Camier, 18, will be joined by 16-year-old Alex Gault in the three-rider SGB squad that will contest the six-round series in 2007. The team's third GSX-R750 will be reserved as a wildcard for guest racing journalists.

Now approaching its third season, the GSX-R European Cup gives young riders the opportunity to race on equal terms against riders from other European countries on identical Suzuki GSX-R750 machines. The series is run in conjunction with the World Superbike championship at circuits in Spain, Holland, Italy, Great Britain, Germany and France.

Alex Camier, who won the British 60cc Grasstrack championship at the age of eight, comes to the SGB team after spending last year in the All-Japan Superbike championship, where he achieved top ten finishes towards the end of the season. Alex is the younger brother of British Superbike rider, Leon Camier.

Alex Gault, meanwhile, dominated the New Era CB500 Cup in 2006, taking pole position and the race win at each round. The schoolboy earned his ride by winning a 'GSX-R Factor' competition in Superbike magazine, which culminated in a test at Guadix in Spain alongside the Rizla Suzuki British Superbike squad. Gault also enjoyed top level mentoring from three-time BSB champion, John Reynolds.

Reynolds commented on Suzuki's latest racing recruits, saying: "It was a pleasure to be at the test in Spain and to offer some advice to the youngsters. There's some really exciting young talent there and I'll be watching their progress with interest. Of course, I couldn't resist the opportunity to ride Suzuki's GSX-R750 in Guadix - just to help the riders, of course!"

Suzuki GB's sales and marketing director, Nick Palmer, said: "The GSX-R European Cup is a fantastic formula of 750cc racing that allows us to develop some of the superb young racing talent we have in the UK. I'm really looking forward to seeing these two youngsters put the thoroughbred GSX-R750 through its paces this season."

2007 GSX-R European Cup - Team Suzuki GB Rider Profiles

Alex Camier

Date of birth: 18 July 1988
Place of birth: Ashford, Kent

Career:

- 1996 - British 60cc Grasstrack champion
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- 2001 - Aprilia Superteen championship
- 2005 - Virgin Yamaha R6 Cup
- 2006 - All-Japan Superbike championship

Alex Gault

Date of birth: 14 December 1990
Place of birth: Lanarkshire, Scotland

Career:

- 2001 - Junior Minimoto Scottish champion
- 2002 - ACU National Pocket-bike champion
- 2003 - JRA Formula 80 champion
- 2004 - JRA 125 champion
- 2005 - British 125 championship
- 2006 - New Era CB500 Cup champion

2007 Suzuki GSX-R European Cup calendar

- 15 Apr - Valencia, Spain
- 29 Apr - Assen, Holland
- 27 May - Silverstone, GB
- 17 Jun - Misano, Italy
- 09 Sep - Lausitz, Germany
- 07 Oct - Magny-Cours, France

Photos:

- 2. Alex Camier and Alex Gault at the Guadix circuit in Spain
- 3. Alex Camier portrait
- 4. Alex Camier action
- 5. Alex Gault portrait
- 6. Alex Gault action

