

# Gault weighs up options for new season

## MOTORCYCLING

**CHAMPION** motorcyclist Alex Gault is choosing between several competitive options as he prepares for the start of the new racing season — and he also has a chance of appearing on the European stage.

The 16-year-old from Carlisle, who won last season's CB500 Cup and also raced in the Scottish championship,

looks likely to take part in the 16-round Junior R6 Cup.

As well as being featured on television, the contest's top three riders at the mid-season stage receive guest invitations to take part in the VMC round of the moto-GP event at Donington Park.

The overall winner is rewarded with a berth in the 2008 VMC championship.

He has also reached the final stages of a magazine contest to earn a berth in this year's GSXR European Cup.

And he is among just four riders from the hundreds of applicants who have been chosen to take part in a testing

session in Spain this week to determine the final winner.

In addition, his successful performances last season have produced offers to race in the British Supersport Cup, GSXR Trophy, Triumph triple challenge, and the 600 Production series in Scotland.

Dad Alex senior said: "We have taken every possible connotation into account, and at the moment we think the Junior R6 Cup gives him the best chance of success with budget we have.

"Any other outings will take a very distant back seat until we are sure the

funding is in place because it's important to race where you can afford.

"Results are what count and are really the only thing people remember.

"His training regime has been affected as he has been suffering from a chest infection so we are about a month away from the start of the championships and he has yet to sit on a bike this season."

The Gaults are currently hoping to conclude a major sponsorship deal for next season, and are also grateful for the continued support of Magsport, Vemar crash helmets, Oxford Products and Dream Sofas.