

Gault crashes out of opening event at Silverstone

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ALEX Gault had an inauspicious start to the new motorcycling season when he crashed out on the second lap of his opening event after a trying test session.

The Carlisle teenager was due to warm up for his European Cup campaign by racing in the first round of the North Gloucester championship at Silverstone.

However, he managed just six practice laps in treacherous conditions after an earlier rider had spilled oil all round the track and then lost control on the first lap of the race for qualifying positions in the final.

Despite having made good progress to move up from a starting position of 24th to fourth at the end of the first lap — but his day then came to a premature end when he crashed out and was unable to resume racing as he and his team do not yet have a full set of spares for his new bike.

However, Alex and his team will be back in action in time to travel to Spain next week for the first round of the GSXR championship, for which he was selected from thousands of hopefuls to race in the Suzuki team.

The fixture list will also take him to Assen this month, followed by races at Silverstone, Misano and Magny-Cours later in the season.

Meanwhile, Alex's official website has now been updated for the new campaign — to follow his progress, log on to www.minimotoracer.com