

Biker Alex all set for Euro challenge

By Judith Tonner

ALEX Gault warmed up for his opening European Cup appearance at Misano this weekend with a win and a second place on his recent trip to compete at his favoured Three Sisters track.

The Carlisle racer enjoyed a comfortable three-second victory in the Super Sport 600 Cup race at the Wigan track, having earned third place on the grid despite being allocated a back-row starting position by the qualifying lottery.

He recorded the fastest lap of the day in his category, speeding round in 56.48 seconds at a tight and twisting circuit where he also holds the outright lap record of 54.4sec.

The teenager also raced in the open class, again earning third place on the grid from a starting slot at the back.

He came home in second place despite being hampered by using wet tyres in what turned into dry conditions on a day when the weather proved to be highly changeable.

He found himself in a similar situation when the on-off rain turned the latest Scottish championship round at Knockhill into a tyre lottery but he finished fourth and then second in his two races.

Gault is competing in selective races this season instead of contesting an entire championship series after his plans for the year were thrown into disarray when he was belatedly denied the right to race in the European GSX-R Cup because the British governing body considered him too young.

However, he will enjoy a taste of international action in Italy this weekend when he takes a break from sitting his Higher exams to deputise for Chris Leeson.



FLYING SCOTSMAN: Alex Gault will enjoy a taste of international action when he competes in Italy this weekend.