

HURRICANE ALEX!

Carlruke kid battles the superbike big boys

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CARLUKE biker Alex Gault has his sights set on world domination!

Alex (17) has the ultimate ambition of competing against the best in the prestigious World Super Bike Championships.

"Alex is looking to becoming a World Champion of the future," his proud dad Alex Snr told Gazette Sport.

"He met UK Super Bike Champion John Reynolds in Spain last year. John said that Alex had a fantastic, smooth riding style.

"When he gets back onto the bike after crashing, he is able to reach the speed he was doing before the crash within just two laps.

"It is very rare for a lad of Alex's age to be able to do that."

Astro Kawasaki driver Alex Jnr, of Mosside Farm, is currently competing in the under-25 British Super Bike Championship. This is three stages below senior British Super Bike standards. But the youngster is improving all the



Driven round the bend... Ace Alex in thrilling race action

time. "It is very difficult to reach British Senior or World Super Bike standards," Alex added.

"But by the time Alex is 22, he should be there. If he hasn't reached that standard by 22, it

will be too hard for him."

Alex recently finished 10th in round four of the under-25 British Super Bikes at Donnington. Remarkably, he was way back in 29th place at one point before rampaging

through the field to seal a top 10 finish.

"Finishing 10th is the very least I expect from Alex," Alex Snr added. "He started off in 28th position after the rain soaked second qualifying ses-

sion. Qualifying for the 600 class is so competitive, that only three seconds separated the top 40 places available for Monday's race, from the 52 riders vying for them.

"If we can get Alex further up the field to begin with, he will be able to go with the front runners."

The Donnington result moves young Alex into eighth place in the championship overall and second place in 'The David Jeffries Award Scheme', which runs inside the main championship for riders 18 years of age and under.

Alex Jnr and his dad are now preparing for the next round, at Snetterton in Norfolk on June 13, 14 and 15.

"Snetterton is a track which suits fast bikes like Alex's Kawasaki," Alex Snr added.

"The Yamahas are the fastest bikes, so it's them who will probably be at the front. I'd be happy if Alex finished in the top 10."

Anyone wishing to find out more information about young Alex, or perhaps sponsor him, can visit the www.minimotoracer.com website or call Alex Snr on 07805 130801.



Catch me if you can... Alex throws down the gauntlet