

Knocked into ninth

HOTLY-TIPPED for the win at his local round of the National Super Stock 600 championship, teenage motorcycle racer Alex Gault was very disappointed to finish in ninth place.

The wrong tyre choice put an end to any thoughts of glory as he slipped back lap after lap from his start position on the front row of the grid.

Gault qualified in fourth spot which was the inside line for the start of Sunday's race.

However, on Sunday the weather conditions were very unsettled and the local team's knowledge made them decide on a wet front tyre and a dry rear. This turned out to be the wrong choice as, when Alex lined up on the grid, almost everyone else had gone for a completely dry set-up.

The result does not do the youngster justice, as this without doubt was one of the 17-year-old's best rides of his racing career.



On the circuit...Alex Gault

Alex managed to set lap times similar to the front runners that were on dry set up's but with the wet tyre failing lap by lap Alex slipped back to ninth.

The result was not what Alex had hoped for but was still good enough to preserve his 11th place in the championship overall and third place for the 16 to 19-year-olds.