

# Race ace Alex notches up a terrific sixth

By Andrew Weston

**ALEX Gault from Carlisle put in a stunning performance during Round 10 of the National Super Stock Championship at the Northampton Silverstone circuit last weekend.**

The young rider finished sixth – setting very close to leader lap times of 1min 31.9secs – the fastest he has ever gone round the Silverstone circuit.

From his first outing in free practice on the Friday, he looked very racy.

He set the 12th fastest time and, again, was the first Kawasaki over the line.

There were 52 riders entered, all fighting to make the grid for Sunday's race.

But only 40 would actually reach the starting line.

Qualifying one, held on the Friday evening, saw Gault improve again – up into provisional seventh position with a lap time of 1min 32.985.

So strong is the opposition in this class, the top 40 bikes were separated by



**MAKING HIS MOVE:** the Carlisle race ace went from a start position of eight to finish in sixth place.

only 3.3 seconds.

The second qualifying session saw Gault drop down the leaderboard to 10th position.

This was expected as the team had used the session as a race simulation, sending Gault out on the tyres he had used previously rather than new ones which is usual for qualifying.

What was not expected, however, was when the 17-year-old went almost half a second quicker with the bike on used tyres.

With a superb time set and no problems with the bike,

his mechanics had an easy Saturday afternoon relaxing in the sunbathed paddock.

Morning warm-up on the Sunday went without a hitch and posting an eighth fastest time of 1min.32.96 set the scene for what was to come in the race with the top 27 riders separated by less than two seconds.

Gault held station from his race start position of 10 on the opening lap, but was promoted to eighth place as they crossed the line due to a collision between championship contender Robbie Brown and Northern Ireland

racer Jamie Hamilton – both ending up off track but managing to rejoin at the back of the pack.

Up front, Luke Jones and Jimmy Hill had set a furious pace with the crash between Brown and Hamilton slowing the Astro Kawasaki rider Gault.

By lap seven of the 14 lap race Gault had made it into seventh place.

And things had settled with Luke Jones (Yamaha) out front.

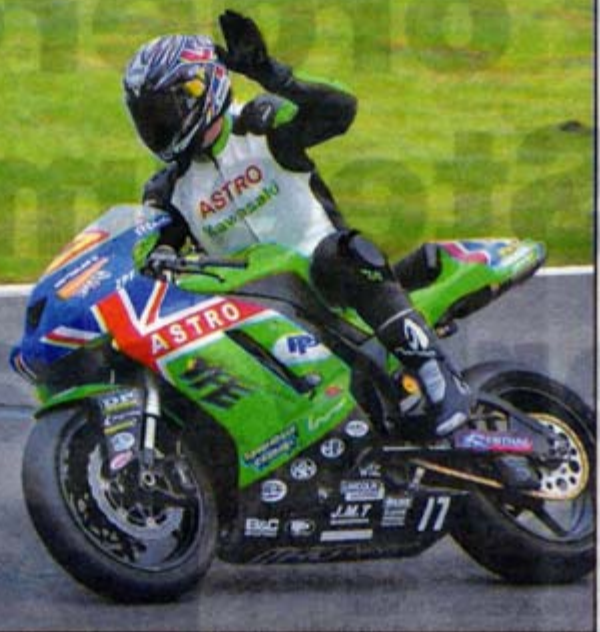
This was another race where Gault just failed to tag onto the lead group. Nevertheless, it was a terrific ride from the Carlisle teenager.

He was, again, the first Kawasaki home and one of only six riders to get under the 1min 32second lap time.

The race ace eventually took sixth place as the finishing flag fell.

Meanwhile, Alex would like to thank all his sponsors and commercial partners for making this latest achievement possible and particularly his mechanic for putting a fantastic bike together for him.

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**MILKING THE CROWD:** Gault was delighted with his fastest ever time at Silverstone.



**SETTING THE PACE:** the 17-year-old speeds round this corner.