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TEENAGE Carluke motorcycle sensation Alex Gault has finalised his exciting plans for the coming race season.

This year will see Alex (17) take to the track in the much anticipated and hotly contested National Super Stock 600 Championships aboard the Official Kawasaki entry with team **ASTRO** Kawasaki.

The 12-round championship, which runs as a support race to British Super Bikes, will take place at premier circuits throughout the UK. These include Knockhill in Scotland, Brands Hatch in Kent and the fantastic woodland circuit, Oulton Park in Cheshire.

The Kawasaki Gault is to use is 2008 ZX6R Machine, 600cc and hoped to be around 123 BHP with a top speed around the 155 Mph mark. The engine has been prepared by YPE Power in Edinburgh.

With Alex's trophy stash already



IN ACTION... Alex Gault at Brands Hatch

stacking up nicely, he is relishing the opportunity for his first full assault in the British Championship.

"This Championship's so tough and so competitive it forces you to lift your game," he said. "I rode in the British 125GP Championship in 2005 and learned a huge amount. I realised then it was where I needed to be if I wanted to make it in this sport so I'm over the moon to be riding in Junior SuperStock for ASTRO Kawasaki Racing this year, especially on the ZX-6 - I rode one last year at Knockhill and loved it. It wasn't



(NEARLY) ON HIS BIKE... Alex Gault with his awesome Kawasaki vehicle

the most powerful bike out there but was easily the best handling."

The ASTRO Team will consist of three riders all contending different championships. In "the National Super Stock 1000cc" will be 21 year old Kenny Gilbertson, with 15-

year-old Sean Winfield in the British 125 Gp championship.

Looking to the coming season, team manager Stuart Tromans is very happy with the way his team's developing and explained the reasons behind it youthful make up.

He said: "I wholeheartedly believe in young blood in this sport because if we ignore the younger riders out there this country's never going to have another Barry Sheene.

"That's why I've always had a policy of encouraging newer riders, which

is exactly what we're doing here with Alex and Sean. Kenny's a young fresh talent too, but having worked with him for so long I already know he's got potential and I know we can challenge for some real results this season."