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MAG Sport-supported motorcycle racer Alex Gault is preparing for a very busy year! 2008 will see Alex move to the pinnacle of British racing The British Super Bike Championship contending the inaugural year of the National Super Stock 600cc Championships aboard the official Kawasaki entry with ASTRO Kawasaki Racing'. Stuart Tromans, Boss at ASTRO commented, "I have always been a firm believer in supporting young racers. Without them Britain will never have another world champion. I am very pleased Alex has joined the team to contend the SS600's along with Kenny Gilbertson on the all new ZX10R in Super Stock 1000's and young Shaun Winfield in GP125's, we team are looking forward to a very thrilling year."

As details are released, it is becoming apparent the National Super Stock 600 class is going to be ultra competitive! The organisers of the championship have already received 56 entries from the country's top young riders and teams with official entries from all the top manufacturers. However there will be only 36 or so places available on the grid for race day. The scene is set for a very exciting year of racing. The dates for the twelve round British Super Bike championship are

Apr 04/05/06 Brands Hatch GP

Apr 18/19/20 Thruxton

May 03/04/05 Oulton Park

May 24/25/26 Donington Park

Jun 13/14/15 Snetterton

Jun 27/28/29 Mallory Park

Jul 18/19/20 Oulton Park

Aug 8/9/10 Knockhill

Aug 23/24/25 Cadwell Park

Sep 12/13/14 Croft

Sep 26/27/28 Silverstone

Oct 10/11/12 Brands Hatch Indy

If you can make it along to any of them please drop by and say 'hello!'

Things are going well and have progressed quickly, the 2 Kawasaki ZX6r's Alex will use in the Super Stock 600 championship are being prepared. We already have a few test sessions under our belt, one at a Kart

Alex will be piloting Kawasaki's official entry in the National Super Stock 600cc Championships



track, to break in the engines. Two at Mallory Park and one at Brands Hatch Indy, the latter being the first opportunity for the whole ASTRO KAWASAKI RACING team to meet up. Shaun, Alex and Kenny are all looking good and getting used to their new bikes. While Alex and Kenny both have experience in their respective classes, 15 year old Shaun Winfield moves up to the 125GP class after a successful two seasons racing an Aprilia 125 road bike and winning the East Midlands Championship last year.

The Test session at Brands Hatch proved to be very useful, although held on the smaller Indy track, the morning sessions were held in dry but bitterly cold conditions, allowing us to get something near a dry set up. After lunch the rain came on. This was to be the first time Alex had been on the wet weather tyres he will

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Battle aboard a brand new KTM Super Duke 990R.

Alex said, "This is another great opportunity for me. The KTM Battle looks like a lot of fun and when you get up close you can see that the build quality of the KTM is superb. I am looking forward to the first round at Thruxton as the extra track time will be of considerable use. I was out on the bike for the first time at the weekend and found it reminiscent of the CB500 to ride, but with a lot more power".

The KTM BATTLE kicks off at Thruxton on the 20th of April and through the year visits Donington Park, Snetterton, Mallory Park, Knockhill, Cadwell Park finishing off on the 12 October at Brands Hatch in Kent.

Rod Veck, Fowlers of Bristol Ltd, Sales manager said "We have been involved with racing for many years. This year marks a change in direction and we at Fowlers are very pleased to be supporting a young rider with Alex' ability."

This will also see Alex link-up with the race technician he worked with when he won the CB500 Cup in 2005. CB500 Guru



Geoffrey Coxon Alex race technician

Geoffrey Coxon will join the team and work with Alex throughout the season, Coxon commented. "It will be a challenge but I have had a quick look at the KTM Bike and I am very pleased with the thought that has gone into producing it, I think this could be a very exciting year".

The team are looking for additional partners to join them for this championship, if it is of interest? They can be contacted through Alex' dedicated web site www.minimotoracer.com

Something completely different – the KTM

use this year. First impressions were not good. To say he didn't like them would be an understatement! However a few more sessions with adjustments in-between, soon got his times down to what might be considered respectable.

So that was the testing over and as I write, the Kawasaki's are being striped for the final preparation before the first round at Brands Hatch in April, and as usual with only weeks to go panic is starting to set in. (Well it wouldn't be racing if it didn't).

While all this was going on an offer came from KTM UK for Alex to contend the 2008 KTM Super Duke Battle. This one-make 12 round series runs as a support race to British Super Bikes at seven meetings, and will be televised. Thanks to Fowlers of Bristol Ltd, MAGSPORT and KTM UK Alex will also now contend the Super Duke

