

# Gault confirms Astro Kawasaki backing

ALEX GAULT has confirmed his plans for the new season in which he will be racing for Astro Kawasaki in the National 600 Superstock Championship.

The 17-year-old will be on-board a latest specification ZX6R machine with an engine prepared by YPE Power in Edinburgh.

It will be Gault's first full assault on a British title but he is relishing the prospect: "This championship will be tough and so competitive that it forces you to lift your game.

"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."

Gault has experienced the thrills of riding the ZX6R before, as he explained: "I rode one last year at Knockhill and loved it. It wasn't the most powerful bike out there but it was easily the best handling."

The Astro Team will have three riders all competing in different

championships in 2008.

Kenny Gilbertson, at 21-years of age the oldest of the trio, will be battling for the National Superstock 1000 title, while 15-year-old Sean Winfield will contest the British 125GP Championship.

Looking forward to the season, team manager Stuart Tromans is happy with

the way the team is developing and he explained the reasons behind the team's youthful make up: "I wholeheartedly believe in young blood in this sport because if we ignore the younger riders out there this country is 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 enormous potential and I know we can challenge for some real results this season."