

# Alex up against Best of British

CARLUKE motorcycle racer Alex Gault (18) is about to take a dramatic new step towards fulfilling his dream of racing Super Bikes.

For the teenager will contend this year's British National Super Stock 1000 Championships on ASTRO Racing's Kawasaki ZX10R bike which is capable of doing speeds in excess of 175mph!

Alex said: "I'm looking forward to learning as much as I can competing against the best in Britain this year. It will be a big leap for me.

"It is the most competitive championship for these type of bikes in the country.

"I hope to break into the top 10 this year and then maybe try for top five in 2010.

"This is a fantastic opportunity and a great challenge.

"To be able to race in this series is a dream come true and I thank all my sponsors and supporters. I know without them it would have been impossible."

The youngster's eyes were opened to what lies ahead recently, when he completed 28 laps around Leicester's Mallory Park and did five 15 minute sessions at the East

Fortune circuit near Edinburgh.

"The testing went very well," he added.

"The speed of the bike was three or four seconds off race pace but this year will be a gradual progression.

"Racing superbikes is definitely a dream of mine.

"It would be brilliant if I was competing on that stage

within the next three years."

Alex, who started racing mini-moto bikes at the age of 10, has won races in every class of racing he has contended. However this year there are no expectations as he is taking an enormous step forward.

Over 40 vastly experienced riders will compete in the National Super Stock

Championship including Super Bike contenders Smart, McGuinness, Jenkinson and Quiggley and seasoned 1000cc Super Stock contenders Brogan, Neil and Cummings.

ASTRO Racing has put in place a three year plan for Alex after he contended the National Stock 600 Championship for them last year.

Team owner Stuart Tromans said: "Alex impressed us last year with his talent and determination.

"I think he is one rider who deserves to be there and has a bright future in the sport."

Alex hopes to attend a few more test days before his first race in the Scottish Championship at Knockhill on April 5.

The first race of the 12 round British Super Bike Championship kicks off the following weekend at Brands Hatch in Kent.

There are advertising opportunities available with Alex's team.

Anyone interested can make contact through Alex's dedicated web site at [www.minimotoracer.com](http://www.minimotoracer.com)



Alex in a brief test session aboard the ASTRO ZX10R