

# Burning up the track at Aintree



**ON TRACK:** Alex Gault had a successful practice weekend at Aintree as he prepares for this weekend's British championship rounds at Knockhill.

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**ALEX Gault enjoyed the ideal preparation for this weekend's British championship seventh round at Knockhill with a winning performance on the familiar track at Aintree.**

The 14-year-old motorcycle racer was named as best junior at the event, after setting an age-group lap record of 1min 1.061sec by registering a top speed of 137mph along one of the longest straights in the country.

Riding his Barrus Malaguti bike, the Carluke youngster was therefore named best junior at the meet as he won the 125gp class and came from

the back row of the grid to secure fourth place overall in the more powerful 500cc class.

The visit to Aintree for the second round of the local club's championship not only allowed the team to test some parts and settings on his new bike, but also saw Alex meet up with former junior championship rivals including Alex Heaton, Robbie Brown and Stuart Reece, who have also moved on to bigger challenges this season.

Alex won his regular 125cc class with an average lap time of 91.19mph on the 1.64-mile circuit, which included his new junior record of 1.01.061 seconds on the way.

Despite having to pull out of qualifying for the feature race on the second lap due to an insecure petrol

tank, he also lined up on the grid in the 500cc event.

Although juniors have to start at the back of the grid for safety reasons, the local rider was not marooned there for long, and rapidly made his way through the 38-rider pack to come fourth overall after only seven laps.

He followed up his visit to Aintree with a further test run at the Three Sisters race track near Wigan last weekend, which served as his final warm-up before this weekend's seventh round of the British championship, close to home at Knockhill.

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