

Racer Alex overcomes injury woes to dominate in Wales



By Judith Tonner

ALEX Gault tops the overall standings in the CB500 Cup after overcoming the pain of a scalded foot to win all four races on his debut at Pembrey.

The Carlisle teenager had escaped unscathed after a fall in his third practice session at the 1.5-mile Welsh circuit.

But he then suffered a catalogue of injuries.

He bruised his right foot after falling off his pedal

bike during a recreation break between practice sessions.

After recovering sufficiently to start preparing for his next motorcycle outing, he tripped over a kettle flex in his camper van and spilled boiling water over his left foot.

The youngster and worried dad Alex senior had to attend a local burns unit for treatment but following an overnight rest, the rider insisted that he was fit to take part in qualifying for round four of the championship.

Despite his injury woes and the fact that he had had less track time than the other competitors, Alex claimed pole position with a lap time of 1 minute 6.97 seconds, more than a second ahead of rival Jamie Hamilton. He led from the front to win the first race of the day.

Although the second event saw him make a less promising start which left him in fourth place at the end of the second lap, he fought back to cross the line almost 10 seconds ahead of Hamilton.

The second day of racing saw the Carlisle competitor

again claim pole in 1:06.56, at the front of a 20-strong grid and he again took the chequered flag — but only after a collision with his friend Aaron Easter, who had looked a likely winner, as the pair emerged from Hatches Hairpin.

Alex then defied a sudden rain shower to win the final race of the weekend with the fastest lap of the two-day event, roaring round the circuit in 1:06.48 and boosting his confidence ahead of the championship's sixth round at Oulton Park on July 8.