

Champ well clear

PETER Baker demonstrated why he is Hastings and St Leonards Cycling Club champion by winning the club's Hastings-Rye-Hastings event on Sunday.

His 45min 48sec put him well clear of the rest of the field.

Mark Markowski was second in 47min 4sec and Robert Sier third with 47min 41sec.

Vic Butler rode on Saturday, finishing with 1hr 1min 49sec in the Icknield RC '25' in Bedfordshire.

Meanwhile the club's

road squad of Robert Allen, Alan Brooks, Russell Walsh and John Willis rode the 34th Nomads two-day event. Robert finished 20th in this top-class contest won by international Neil Martin. The other Hastings riders found its four races hard, but all finished the first three stages, dropping out on the last 72-mile stage at Offham.

The team showed the benefit of their Easter trip to Schwerte, and should show well in the Kent League races starting at the end of May.