

CYCLING

MARK Markowski scored Hastings and St Leonards Cycling Club's first win of the year in a hard, fast race on the Lydden Circuit in Kent on Sunday.

Mark proved too strong for the survivors of a wind-swept 20 miles, jumping away from his companions with half-a-mile to go and holding his advantage to the line.

Russell Walsh was placed ninth in the sprint.

Club star Robert Allen meanwhile was in action in the top-class Southern Velo road race over 84 miles, proving his current good form with a fine ride to finish eighth against some of the South's strongest roadmen.

John Willis and Alan Brooks again produced a good ride for 11th fastest in the South Eastern Road Club 33-mile team

time trial, with 1hr 23min 20sec.

Seven riders competed in the East Sussex Cycling Association '25' at Uckfield, with Richard Bateman proving fastest in 1hr 4min 38sec, a ride which was good enough for sixth place.

Other rides were: Peter Baker, 1hr 5min 7sec, Robert Sier 1hr 5min 43sec, Vic Butler 1hr 7min 32sec, Dave Black-

man 1hr 8min 38sec, Wayne Spears 1hr 9min 20sec and Jeff Smith 1hr 13min 12 sec.

Richard Bateman also competed in the ESCA '10' on Saturday, again finishing in a top spot with a 24min ride.

Nigel Davies was satisfied with his 26min effort and Debbie Brown, in her first race, recorded a promising 33min 27sec.