

Rising star shines

MARK Markowski, rising star of Hastings & St Leonards Cycling Club, scored the points he needed for a second category licence last Sunday, in the club's own promotion at Catsfield.

A fine piece of opportunist riding saw Mark leave the dwindling bunch on the last climb of

Standard Hill, in pursuit of breakaway Peter Whelden of the Medway Velo Club.

Although unable to catch Whelden, who had been clear for several laps, Mark held off the pursuit to take second place, and now joins Robert Allen in the second category ranks.

Former club member Dominic Windsor was third, and Robert Sier and Robert Allen finished in the bunch. Russell Walsh finished over 1min down, and John Willis abandoned after some spirited attacks early on.

The 57 mile race was run in a steady down-pour.

Peter Baker and Vic Butler rode in Surrey in the Redmon CC's Hilly 73, Peter finishing with a fine 15th place in 3hr 10min 35sec. Vic was further back, but satisfied with a steady ride in 3hr 23min 48sec.

The club promotes again this Sunday, with the open 10 mile starting at Pevensey at 8am.