

# Selectors keep eye on mark

CYCLE star Mark Markowski edged closer to international recognition on Sunday. Hastings and St Leonards Cycling Club's top rider emerged from a high class field to win a major event by two clear minutes.

He took the honours in the BCF Sussex Division senior road race over 84 windswept miles of the Cowbeech circuit.

Demonstrating power and strength, he chased an early break and then rode away alone despite the efforts of the quality field.

## TALENT

Mark's triumph comes at a time when the British federation selectors are seeking out new talent for international duty.

Clubmate Robert Allen rode well in support to finish sixth, winning the bunch sprint in which Peter Baker was also placed. John Willis and Steve Geran had

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their progress halted by punctures.

Martin Markowski benefited from his older brother's advice to take fourth place in the junior title race. Jeff Smith was sixth to complete a fine day's racing for the club.

The previous weekend, Robert Allen achieved a highly creditable 38th place from a field of more than 200 riders in the 140-mile Paris-Roubaix amateur classic.

Time trial rider Robert Sier took 12th place (second on handicap) in the Ashford 25, clocking 1hr 3min 30sec.



MARK MARKOWSKI