

Double puncture agony

HASTINGS and St Leonards Cycling Club's road riders produced some fine results over the Bank Holiday weekend, showing their present strength in depth.

In the V. C. d'Or two-day race at Dorking, Mark Markowski was unlucky to go out of the race with a puncture on the last stage when lying second overall.

Despite a quick wheel change from Robert Allen, who gave up his own chance to keep Mark in contention, a second puncture with no spare available meant that he could not finish, which was unfortunate after his excellent placings on the first day.

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In the Charlotteville CC race near Reading Robert Allen finished second in a six-man group which raced clear of the field.

The break led for some 40 miles, and Robert went close to a win in the sprint finish.

Robert will compete in the amateur classic Paris-Roubai race on June 9, and with his current good form hopes to do well in this tough race through Northern France.

Steve Geran moved up to second category status after finishing second in the Kent League two-day at West Malling, and the club team effort saw Russell Simmonds and John Willis backing him with fourth and fifth places overall.

Martin Markowski was an excellent seventh in the junior race at West Malling despite a puncture, and Jeff Smith also finished well up in ninth spot.

This was after a hectic Eastway race the previous day which saw him well placed in the bunch finish.