

Mark heads towards international ranking

MARK Markowski rode clear of the field to take the British Cycling Federation Sussex Division senior road race title on Sunday.

On the rolling Cowbeech circuit Mark chased, caught and dropped an early break to complete the 84-mile race with more than two minutes in hand over the chasers.

Mark must now be in line for selection for international duty, as the BCF selectors search for new talent. He expressed his

thanks after the race for the support of club members who turned out in force to cheer him home.

Robert Allen rode well in support of Mark and took the bunch sprint for sixth place. Peter Baker also finished in the bunch. Steve Geran and John Willis were puncture victims.

Mark's young brother Martin finished an excellent fourth in the junior title race, and Jeff Smith sixth, completing a fine day's racing for the club.

The previous weekend

Robert Allen finished 38th in the amateur classic Paris-Roubaix. After 140 gruelling miles which included stretches of cobbled farm roads, Robert rode on to the Roubaix velodrome to achieve one of the best rides of his career in a field of 200, many of whom failed to finish.

Robert Sier produced another good ride in Sunday's Ashford Wheelers '25', finishing 12th and taking second handicap place in 1hr 3min 30sec.



Mark Markowski finishes fresh after his runaway win in the BCF Sussex Division Senior Championship.