

Record breaker Baker



PETER Baker lopped more than 40min from the Hastings-London-Hastings record on Sunday.

Starting at 6am, Peter had a steady ride into London in showery conditions to turn at London Bridge.

On the return leg to Hastings he turned on the power despite a rising south-westerly wind.

The 100-mile point was passed in 4hr 29min, a remarkable effort on this hilly route, which has the added difficulty of traffic lights and one-way systems through South London.

A storming finish through Robertsbridge saw him complete the 128-mile ride in 5hr 48min 57sec to beat the previous best of C R Davies, set in 1952.

Peter's ride reinforces his claims on the Hastings & St Leonards Cycling Club's BAR title and demonstrates his long-distance ability following his fine 12-hour ride earlier in August.

Mark Markowski was in fine form in Sunday's Dover Festival Criterium, finishing second in a race-long break with Robert Kenniston and sharing the lap prizes with him. In the field was National Champion Paul Watson who finished ninth, so once again Mark demonstrated his ability to compete at the highest level.

Robert Allen also rode well to take 10th place.

Peter Baker on his record ride.

Warm-up in Wilts Ore beaten