CYCLE RACING

HASTINGS & St Leonards/SW Cycles rider Dave Harding scored his first win in club colours in a Surrey Cycle Racing League promotion at Staplefield.

The club's riders were prominent throughout the 73 miles, with Alan Brooks and John Willis in an early move which threatened to dominate the race. When this break began to disintegrate, Harding mand Martin Markowski controlled the chasers, and finally Harding moved clear of the field to finish 50sec ahead in 3hr 5min; with Martin Markowski taking

fourth place after a fine tactical display by the team.

In Sunday's Folkestone - Charing - Folkestone, Dave Harding was again in fine form over the switch-back 78-miles course.

Latching onto the winning break which went clear on White Hill, he took ninth place in a top class field.

Martin Markowski missed the break but headed in the main chasing group to take 21st spot.

Matt Scott and John Johnston also finished with this group. Andrew Hillman came in with a chasing group.