

CYCLING: A team of four from Hastings and St. Leonards Cycling Club rode in the V.C. Elan third category and juniors 46-mile road race at Mereworth, near Maidstone on Sunday. The unexpectedly large 90-man field produced a few hazards on this hard, rolling circuit.

A crash after 18 miles brought down 11 riders, including young Mark Knowles, but he eventually rejoined the bunch despite a buckled rear wheel. He chased and out-sprinted most of the small breakaway group to finish third overall. Team-mates John Sharples, Frank McCloud and Paul Panagi finished with the main field.