

Baker cooks up eight wicket treat for Spen

By Paul McGinley

EAST Bierley warmed up for Sunday's HW Cup semi final in the best possible way with a crushing eight-wicket win over fifth-placed Bradford and Bingley.

Victory was orchestrated by bowler Robert Burton who grabbed a tremendous 5-23 - including four wickets in four balls - as Bradford and Bingley were dismissed for a lowly 50.

Burton was backed up by fine bowling from West Indian paceman Neville Lindsay who took 4-25.

East Bierley enhanced their third place in the table as they cruised to 31-2 in reply.

Burton's achievement sees him join just a select band of nine bowlers in Bradford League history who have claimed four wickets in four balls.

Bierley are now just six points behind Baildon (59 points) with second-placed Farsley (54 points) in their sights.

Spen Victoria also warmed up in the best possible way for their trip to Scholes on Sunday with a thumping 77 run win over third-from-bottom Bowling Old Lane.

Victoria batted first and made 171-5 with Andy Walker hitting a splendid 92no.

Tosh Baker then

Cricket

wrapped things up by taking 8-47 as Old Lane were all out for just 94.

Victoria are now in seventh and well-placed to mount a challenge for a top three place.

In Division Two Cleckheaton took over the top of the table with a 154 run win over Ben Rhydding.

Skipper Chris Pickles hit 78 when Cleckheaton batted first and made 195 with important contributions from Paul Winrow (44) and Adam Swallow (35). Horner's 4-37 kept Ben Rhydding's hopes alive.

But the hopes quickly faded as Winrow (3-34) and James Stansfield (3-7) ripped them all out for a paltry 41.

Idle's surprise win over Brighouse hands the leadership of Division Two over to Cleckheaton, who are four points clear of Brighouse and five clear of third-place Drighlington (456 points).

Drighlington will rue not being able to roll Keighley who shut up shop very early in chasing a modest Drig total.

Iqbal Khan was again the man in form with the bat for Drighlington as they made 184-8 in their 50 overs with Iqbal making exactly 100no



Hitting out in style are two of Spen Victoria's leading batsmen who helped them to a double success last weekend.

Left: Wasim Jaffer, Spen Victoria's Indian opening batsman. (C180715)
Right is his opening partner and captain Andy Bethel (C180712)



his century coming from a four off the last ball of the innings.

The rest of the Drig batting was subdued with only Peter Lloyd (30) offering proper support to Iqbal.

Iqbal now averages 113.9 (797 runs, out seven times). Reape (4-46) and Towler (3-65) were Keighley's best bowlers.

Keighley looked like collapsing to defeat as Iqbal struck quickly in their reply. At 6-2 things looked bad, but Burnley (51no) and Gordon (69no) shut up shop in making an undefeated 137 for the third

wicket. Iqbal bagged 2-28 but the line and length of Nigel West was much missed as Drighlington used six bowlers in trying to make the breakthrough.

Drighlington chairman Malcolm Tetley was at a loss to explain why Keighley did not go for the runs.

He said: "It's difficult to understand Keighley's tactics. In many respects four points is an excellent result, although with the exception of Iqbal Khan, our best bowler, others tended to bowl too short on a

wicket that eased as they afternoon wore on.

Hartshead Moor secured a four point win over lowly Salts.

Moor batted first and reached an impressive 227-8 with runs coming from A Khan (61), D Brooksbank (36no), J Iqbal (32) and A Measey (30).

Salts ensured they would avoid total defeat when B King hit 48 in their total of 138-6.

Moor are now seventh in the table and still have an outside chance of promotion this season.

Heaton contest

By Andrew Hunt

EAST BIERLEY'S dreams of winning the treble were shattered on Monday when they were dumped out of the HW Cup at the semi final stage by Hanging Heaton and in particular pace man John Carruthers.

Heaton's opening bowler produced the most hostile bowling seen for some time as the home side were bowled out for 123, 32 runs short of their target.

The previous day the visitors were demoralised when they were restricted to 155. Rob Burton taking 7-54.

Bierley put themselves in the driving seat when Ryan Robinson and Ian Fisher both unable to return on Monday opened and by the close the home side had progressed to 36-1 from just four overs.

On Monday Heaton took the early wickets of Davies (three) and Dermot McGrath without scoring, both fell to a superb spell by Gary

Bradford League scorecards

DIVISION ONE BRADFORD & BINGLEY V EAST BIERLEY	
BRADFORD & BINGLEY	G. Batty c. Walswain b. Lambury
6	
M. South c. Walswain b. Burton	
2	
F. Cookshaw c. Davies b. Burton	
3	
P. Pridham c. Fisher b. Burton	
1	
R. Walker lbw. Horner	
9	
M. Best not out	28
R. McCarthy c. Baird b. Burton	
30	
I. Chaplin c. Fisher b. Lambury	
6	
D. Pennist c. Robinson b. Lambury	
6	

SPEN VICTORIA V BOWLING OLD LANE	
SPEN VICTORIA	W. Jaffer c. H. Hussain
23	
A. Bethel c. K. Hussain b. Hanson	
4	
A. Walker not out	52
E. McEenna c. K. Hussain b. Hanson	
28	
S. Bethel c. Ahmed b. Singh	2
N. Marshall c. H. Hussain	9
A. Hanson not out	0
Extras	12
Total 171	
Bowling: N. Hanson 10-1-37-2, E. Hussain 21-5-77-2, G. Singh 16-2-48-1	
BOWLING OLD LANE	
N. Parker lbw. Baker	1
A. Muller b. Khatib	0
G. Rehman c. S. Bethel b. Baker	

DIVISION TWO BEN RHYDDING V CLECKHEATON	
CLECKHEATON	F. Pickles b. Kelly
78	
F. Sharp c. Aldous b. Horner	
7	
P. Winrow run out	44
J. Stansfield st. Broadhead b. Lane	
1	
A. Lang b. Horner	9
A. Scallow c. H. Horner	28
D. Worrall c. Jennings b. Kirby	
5	
A. Yates c. Broadhead b. Horner	2
A. Purritt b. Kirby	0
A. Pearey not out	1
I. Purritt lbw. Kelly	1
Extras	15
Total 114	105

Extras	15
Total fall out	20-11
Bowling: J. Stansfield 8-4-7-3, A. Yates 8-4-9-2, A. Scallow 4-1-1-2, P. Winrow 6-4-3-3	
DRIGHLINGTON V KEIGHLEY	
DRIGHLINGTON	G. Barker c. Wood b. Reape
0	
P. Farrier c. Buzak b. Reape	11
I. Khan not out	109
J. Henry c. Wood b. MacFarlane	
2	
P. Lloyd c. Gordon b. Towler	30
N. Gore c. Broadley b. Towler	6
S. Moore c. Gordon b. Towler	6
S. Dickinson c. H. Reape	4
M. Brooks c. Wood b. Reape	0

HARTSHEAD MOOR V SALTS	
HARTSHEAD MOOR	S. Hurkin b. S. Mahmood
1	
A. Khan c. S. Mahmood b. Hussain	
31	
J. Iqbal c. Womersley b. Womersley	28
H. Crakes c. Derbyshire b. Womersley	4
L. Walker c. Jones b. Hussain	13
D. Baldwin lbw. Womersley	1
A. Measey c. S. Mahmood b. Hussain	36
T. Kellert lbw. Womersley	9
D. Brooksbank not out	36
Extras	12
Total 227	
Bowling: R. Womersley 25-5-91-4, S. Mahmood 12-9-52-1	