

OPENING BLAST HANDS TROPHY TO LIGHTCLIFFE

AN OPENING stand of 130 gave Lightcliffe juniors a dream start and a 21-run victory against Brighouse in the Bradford League U17 cup final.

David Bousfield and James Pipe started in fine style and looked competent against the slightly sluggish opening spell from the Brighouse strike bowlers.

Both passed their half centuries with a flourish, although their bids for centuries were cut short when Christian Dunkerley found his rhythm in his last few overs and had both caught by Morton.

After the openers departed — Pipe for 81 and Bousfield for 62 — the economical Nigel Elkin and Alex Wood limited the Lightcliffe total to 209-5 after a mammoth score of over 260 had looked likely.

Dunkerley was the main strike bowler and took 3-53 from his eight overs, with Wood and Elkin snatching a wicket apiece at less than four an over.

Brighouse came confidently to the crease but were dealt a severe blow when Steven Sanders, who needed a big score, departed for a duck with only three runs on the board.

Any thoughts that this would hamper the home side's progress were dismissed as Richard Barron made a marvellous 73.

He put on 52 with Richard Thompson and 76 with Andrew Birkby (43), and the Lightcliffe bowlers came in for some heavy punishment.

Barron and Birkby's dismissal signalled the end of the Brighouse glory bid, although a plucky last stand of 21 sent a few shockwaves



Victorious Lightcliffe U17 are (back, from left): Chris Ockerby, Anthony Shaw, Gary Fellows, Alex Stead, James Pike, Anthony Oakes, Matthew Kermode. (Front): David Bousfield, Daniel Tesseyman, Stuart Nichols, Gary Severn, Andrew Pullan, Richard Tesseyman.

through the Lightcliffe side and they finished on 188-6.

The Tesseyman brothers, Richard and Daniel, took two wickets each, the latter bowling three maidens in his eight over spell which put the brakes on Brighouse's run chase. Stuart Nichols bowled five tidy overs for just 14 runs, and Andrew Pullan claimed 1-16 from four overs.

Brighouse U17 v Lightcliffe U17

Lightcliffe won by 21 runs

LIGHTCLIFFE U17 209 for five

D. Bousfield c Morton b Dunkersley	62
J. Pipe c Morton b Dunkersley	81
G. Fellows c Barron b Wood	16
S. Nichols b Dunkersley	7
A. Stead not out	14
D. Tesseyman lbw Elkin	6
G. Severn not out	6
Extras	17

Bowling: N. Elkin 8-1-30-1; A. Wood 8-0-29-1; A. Birkby 3-0-13-0; J. Horsley 8-0-38-0; R. Thompson 3-0-16-0; R. Barron

2-0-19-0; C. Dunkersley 8-0-53-3.

BRIGHOUSE U17 188 for six

R. Barron run out	73
S. Sanders b R. Tesseyman	0
R. Thompson c Kermode b Pullan	16
C. Dunkersley st Pipe b D. Tesseyman	11
J. Horsley st Pipe b D. Tesseyman	2
A. Birkby b R. Tesseyman	43
N. Elkin not out	15
D. Boulton not out	10
Extras	18

Bowling: R. Tesseyman 8-0-37-2; G. Severn 7-0-40-0; S. Nichols 5-1-14-0; D. Tesseyman 8-3-23-2; A. Pullan 4-0-16-1; G. Fellows 8-0-49-0.