

# Exciting win puts Lightcliffe clear of relegation zone

With the fourth ball of the last over in their Bradford League match last Saturday, Lightcliffe beat Spen Victoria in a close finish when the visitors, facing a Lightcliffe total of 160, lost their last wicket with only four runs needed to win.

## YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

### Roberts stars with ball for Halifax

Halifax had two Yorkshire League matches last weekend when they visited Doncaster on Saturday and were at home to Sheffield United on Sunday.

The Doncaster match was lost decisively and Halifax had only one item of satisfaction to look back upon.

That was the bowling of John Roberts who took six wickets for 59 and bowled uncharged throughout the innings.

In a Halifax total of only 63 there was little batting satisfaction in terms of runs although there was the odd innings of dogged resistance notably from Longworth.

Against Sheffield United, Halifax batted first and with useful scores of 42 from acting skipper Grace, 25 from Bobby Hoy, 35 from John Roberts, and an encouraging 18 not out from wicketkeeper Roy a respectable total of 148 was reached.

This at least gave bowlers something to aim for and with the sun on his back Roberts again proved a menace to the batsmen and finished with five

Roberts (47) was top scorer for Lightcliffe, Deadman (29) and Pickles (22) also making useful scores.

Spen used only three bowlers in containing the Lightcliffe batsmen who apart from Roberts found run scoring difficult against the spin attack of Beaumont and the pace of Mellor and Lee.

Spen made a good start and when Horne was hit for 17 from his first two overs he was quickly replaced.

The openers were parted at 49 and further successes quickly followed to the Lightcliffe bowlers.

It looked as though there was going to be an early finish when Spen lost their seventh wicket for 87, but Beaumont and Lee then carried the total to 132.

#### Useful stand

With only one run added the ninth wicket fell but the last pair took the score to 157, Lee being 41 not out.

This win, Lightcliffe's second in succession, puts them clear of the relegation zone. Brighouse bowlers took a thrashing from the skipper of Bowling Old Lane, Brian Clough who hammered 108 not out and steered his side to a seven-wicket victory.

Clough raced to his 50 in only 33 minutes, which must come into the reckoning for the fastest 50 of the season.

His century was dotted with 17 boundaries, and two mighty sixes, and was reached in 93 minutes.

Brighouse took first knock and although Hartley left quickly, Aspinall was again in form and cracked up a sparkling 37.

#### Player injured

Clough's form, represents good bowling.

Queensbury are facing a threat of having to seek re-election.

The club's disastrous spell has sent the team plunging down the league table and now is only three points away from a place in the bottom two.

After today's game two of the club's remaining three games are away, and with spirits at a low ebb Queensbury obviously have a hard fight on their hands, to stop their slump.

Another disappointing batting collapse ruined hopes of a win against Laisterdyke last Saturday with Queensbury totalling only 110 after being 105 for five at one stage.

Incidentally a bowling feat unmentioned previously was the hat-trick of David Howes against Windhill a fortnight ago when he finished with figures of four for 26.

## Central Yorkshire

### Sowerby Bridge coast home

Next to bottom in the Central Yorkshire League table, Bailey proved to be no match for

## PUDSEY ST. LAWRENCE V. LIGHTCLIFFE

**PUDSEY:** A G Parker ro 9. L. Pickles c and b Beaumont 10. R. J. Parker c Warren b Beaumont 42. B. Whitehead c M. Radcliffe b Beaumont 7. M. Francis c Medcalfe b Beaumont 11. N. Allinson c Medcalfe b Beaumont 32. R. V. Horsley c Medcalfe b Beaumont 0. B. Sutherland no 38. J. White b B. J. Whitham 6. R. Harrison no 12. x 7. total (for 8 wkts.) 174.  
**Bowling:** G. D. Beaumont 6-93. B. J. Whitham 1-54.

**LIGHTCLIFFE:** M. Radcliffe c R. J. Parker b Wishart 32. A. Warren c Allinson b White 13. G. E. Medcalfe c R. J. Parker b White 3. R. M. Horne c Wishart b A. G. Parker 31. N. Scott c Whitehead b Pickles 0. J. R. Walker no 30. B. J. Whitham c R. J. Parker b A. G. Parker 14. P. B. Webb no 5. x 3. total (for 6 wkts.) 131.  
**Bowling:** J. White 2-27. L. Pickles 1-40. A. Wishart 1-31. A. G. Parker 2-17.

## UNDERCLIFFE V. LIDGET GREEN

# LEAGUE TABLES

### DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	Draws		Total Pts.
				pts.	pt.	
Idle	17	7	1	2	7	48
Bradford	17	8	2	0	7	47
Pudsey St. Law.	17	6	2	3	6	45
Bingley	17	6	3	1	7	40
Undercliffe	17	6	5	0	6	36
Lightcliffe	17	5	5	0	7	32
Lidget Green	17	4	4	1	8	31
Eccleshill	17	4	4	0	9	29
Bowling Old L.	17	2	5	3	7	26
East Bierley	17	2	6	2	7	23
Keighley	17	3	9	0	5	20
Great Horton	17	0	7	0	10	10

### DIVISION TWO

	P	W	L	Draws		Total Pts.
				pts.	pt.	
Hartshead M.	17	9	2	1	5	53
Saltaire	17	7	3	1	6	44
Spens Victoria	17	7	2	0	8	43
Laisterdyke	17	5	2	3	7	41
Salts	17	7	6	0	4	39
Bankfoot	17	5	5	2	5	36
Queensbury	17	5	5	1	6	34
Brighouse	17	5	5	0	7	32
Yeadon	17	4	6	0	7	27
Baldon	17	2	7	1	7	20
Winhill	17	1	7	0	9	14
Farsley	17	1	8	0	8	13