

COURIER SPORT BANK HOLIDAY CRICKET ROUND-UP

Halifax League

THE unpredictable face of cricket was highlighted by Stones over the Bank Holiday. After being humiliatingly shot out for 30 at home to Triangle on Saturday they hit 301 off the same attack yesterday!

Stones lasted only 46 minutes and 15.4 overs in the first encounter, nobody making double figures in reply to Triangle's 152.

Gary Rodger (six for 11) and David Fletcher (four for 18) did the damage but Stones were obviously boosted when young Rodger didn't face them again yesterday.

Stones looked in trouble again at nine for two but then Bob Friend hit 133 and was supported by Adrian Houliker (66 not out) and Widnes RL player Phil McKenzie (47). They took full revenge on the Triangle attack and this time Fletcher had 100 runs taken off him, although he did pick up three wickets.

Steve Frankland's 65 and knocks of 42 and 41 from Mick Prince and Duncan Ritchie helped the home side to a losing draw and nine points to Stones' three from the holiday double header.

Barkisland and Booth, the top two going into the weekend, both took 11 points from a possible 16 against Stainland and Luddenden Foot respectively. But the Old Crossleyans have moved in between them by winning both their matches against Copley. Barkisland now have 35 points, Old Crossleyans 32 and Booth 30 with Triangle back in fourth on 20.

Steve Pollitt's 70 gave Barkisland the edge in Saturday's draw but the leaders made home advantage pay yesterday, Bob Davies taking four late wickets to reduce Stainland from 107 for five to 119 all out.

Booth so nearly made it a double over Calder Valley rivals Luddenden Foot, Foot being down to their last pair in vain pursuit of the home side's 158 total yesterday. Geoff Laycock did the damage with six for 39 in 20 accurate overs.

Foot, last year's Division Two champions, were gaining only their second point of the season and are rock bottom, seven points behind Sowerby Bridge, Stones and Stainland.

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Phil Kershaw was again in good form for the Old Crossleyans, taking five for 23 to dismiss Copley for a paltry 63 on Saturday. Copley didn't really get over their batting problems yesterday, managing 119 and losing by a couple of wickets.

Sowerby Bridge got off the mark for the season with a 12-run win over champions Warley on Saturday, Rod Howard's five for 47 being an important factor. Howard Smith's five for 66 and Andrew Oates' 77 were to no avail for the losers.

It was a different story yesterday with Warley handsome 137-run winners, Oates hitting his second half century and Martin Kelly an unbeaten 46 as the home side scored 235 for six. Five Warley bowlers claimed wickets as Bridge managed just 98 in reply.

Northowram and Bradshaw took four points each from their games, Bradshaw's Andy Ingham being the top performer with 10 wickets for 109. Steve Bell made an unbeaten 72 for the same team yesterday and Rams' Colin Horner had 76 on Saturday.

Division Two

SIDDAL gained their first points of the season at Old Town's expense on Saturday, hard-hitting opener David Bates making 84 in their 34-run success.

Mytholmroyd, one of three teams going into the Bank Holiday weekend with maximum points, lost their 100 per cent record when they could take only a point from their first game with village rivals Meths.

SBCI lost their unbeaten record by the narrowest of margins — one wicket — at Sowerby yesterday after David Fozzard's seven for 34 had put them in deep trouble. They

Batsmen shrug off humiliation to hammer 300 against Triangle



BOB FRIEND... led Stones

spree with a century.

had comfortably won the Saturday match by seven wickets.

Blackley kept up their fine start with a facile success over Outlanc, winning by nine wickets after Dean Swift had taken seven for 24.

Stones v Triangle

Triangle won by 122 runs. Stones nil, Triangle eight.

TRIANGLE 152

R. Rodgers b Silkstone	0
S. Frankland c Ellis b Friend	28
G. Rodgers c Goodwin b Silkstone	30
T. Whippet b Friend	2
R. Shannon c Whitaker b Houliker	27
R. Crosland b McKenzie	17
D. Fletcher c Goodwin b Friend	22
D. Ritchie b McKenzie	9
C. Greenwood lbw b McKenzie	4
A. Kershaw b Friend	6
M. Robertshaw not out	0
Extras	7

Bowling: P. McKenzie 11-5-20-3, R. Silkstone 10-2-31-2, R. Friend 14.3-2-51-4, A. Houliker 7-0-46-1.

STONES 30

M. Sunderland b Rodgers	9
J. Whitaker c Whippet b Rodgers	8
R. Friend c Ritchie b Rodgers	2
P. McKenzie c Crosland b Rodgers	4
W. Goodwin c Crosland b Fletcher	1
A. Houliker c Crosland b Fletcher	2
M. Ellis b Rodgers	0
N. Andrews lbw b Rodgers	0
D. Pownall c Ritchie b Fletcher	2
S. Milner c Kershaw b Fletcher	0
R. Silkstone not out	0
Extras	3

Bowling: D. Fletcher 8.4-1-18-4, G. Rodgers 7-3-11-6.