

COURIER SPORT CRICKE

Halifax League: Sunday details —

HOULKER AND DYSON SLAM THE LEADERS

STONES put second division leaders Old Town firmly in their place with Chris Houlker and Mick Dyson leading the rout.

Both hit unbeaten centuries as they shared in a superb third wicket stand of 159 to take their side to a massive 321 for two.

Houlker hammered 129 including 20 fours but Dyson stole the show with his century coming off only 37 balls. He smashed nine sixes and nine fours in a whirlwind 106.

Malcolm Ellis then completed Old Town's embarrassment by claiming seven for 46 to dismiss the visitors for 162.

Blackley gave their title challenge a further boost with a six wicket triumph at Union Croft.

Ian Paltreyman and Mark Roberts laid the foundations with three wickets apiece but half-centuries by Ronnie Hanse and Jeremy Robertshaw helped Union Croft to a respectable 181 for eight.

Steve Townsend (79 not out) and S. Heppenstall (54) then made sure there was no mistakes as Blackley collected 10 points from a possible 12 over the weekend.

SBCI were another side amongst the runs — amassing 235 for six in their 104 run success over Stainland.

David Jones (66) and Martyn Summerscales (63) were the main contributors before Phil Taylor's impressive spell of five for 12 wrapped up a comprehensive win.