

BRIGHOUSE SHOW PROMISE

BRIGHOUSE got their SDS Bradford Cricket League Division Two campaign off to a promising start at Esholt thanks to the efforts of Jamie Marchant (53), Adam Stott (30) and Zubair Raje (21) with the bat.

Play started 48 minutes later than scheduled to assist with mopping up operations.

Brighouse eventually emerged with four points from a winning draw after amassing 172 in their innings of 35.5 overs and then putting eight Esholt batsmen back in the pavilion for 153 runs in 38 overs before the umpires drew stumps at 7.50pm with the light fading fast.

In their innings Brighouse were struggling at 87 for five before Marchant and Stott came together and added a brisk 64, Marchant's half century coming only 28 minutes off 33 balls.

Brighouse had by then got something to bowl at and skipper James Stansfield, who has been in his career best form

this season with Guiseley, set the pace with five for 25 in 15 overs and was backed up by Robin Hill (3 for 32 in 12). Brighouse continued the good work of the Sunday with a victory in the first round of the Heavy Woollen Cup over Crigglestone.

Following the heavy rain of Friday and into the wet snow of Friday evening and into the early hours of Saturday morning, there were no other matches played at first team level, Lightcliffe, Hartshead Moor and Rastrick all falling by the wayside to sodden courses.