

## **Hares start season badly**

Halvergate A fell to a disappointing defeat against a well organised Alborough A side in the season openers at Halvergate.

On a hard but green pitch and a thick cloud cover, Halvergate skipper David Jones won the toss and elected to field. This decision was soon rewarded when Jones bowled Bondock in the second over with only one run scored. Both Jones and Debbage produced some hostile deliveries and should have gained further reward, but dropped catches and poor fielding allowed Mack and Cannon to progress. Debbage struck in the twelfth over to remove Mack, bringing Briggs to the wicket. A double bowling change introduced Willimot and Harrop but the Halvergate bowlers failed to produce consistent line and length bowling and were further hampered by disappointing fielding. The batsmen produced some fine shots to pass 100 and it took the return of Debbage to remove Cannon for a fine 74. Willimot the accounted for Briggs and Fisher with Harrop removing Ash, but the visitors amassed a challenging score of 188 for 6 from their allotted overs.

It was vital the Halvergate produced a steady start to their run chase but what followed was a catalogue of poor shots and decision making. Willimot fell to a wild swipe, whilst Key and Utting but played loose shots to wide deliveries to fall to consecutive deliveries. Ashman miscued to Mid On and Howley was clean bowled to leave the Hares at 7 for 5 in the eighth over. Ryan and Jones set about posting some sort of respectable score and patiently waited for the right balls to play. Alborough A then brought on Pratt who tempted Ryan to play a big shot which led to his dismissal. Harrop was soon bowled by the impressive Ash to leave the home side on 36 for 7 after 21 overs. Hurley struck a clean boundary to secure the Hares a batting bonus point, but he and Beck were dismissed to leave Jones and Debbage as the final wicket pairing. Jones took the score passed 50 but the fell to a smart catch in the covers to close a poor performance at 53 all out.

Halvergate A will be looking for a vast improvement when they visit Old Buckenham B next week.

## Halvergate A vs Aldborough A – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

Halvergate A won the toss and elected to field

Aldborough A Innings

|              |          |               |     |
|--------------|----------|---------------|-----|
| C Mack       | c Harrop | b Debbage     | 13  |
| J Bondock    |          | b Jones       | 1   |
| S Cannon     |          | b Debbage     | 74  |
| T Briggs     |          | b Willimot    | 58  |
| T Ash        |          | b Harrop      | 20  |
| R Fisher     |          | b Willimot    | 4   |
| G Swinbourne |          | Not Out       | 8   |
| T Nicholson  |          | Not Out       | 3   |
|              |          |               |     |
|              |          |               |     |
|              |          |               |     |
|              | Extras   | (2b, 5lb)     | 7   |
|              | TOTAL    | For 6 wickets | 188 |

Bowling: G Debbage: 12-2-50-2, D Jones: 12-1-39-1, S Willimot: 11-1-58-2  
G Harrop: 10-0-34-1,

Halvergate A Innings

|            |             |                |    |
|------------|-------------|----------------|----|
| B Key      | c Nicholson | b Ash          | 3  |
| S Willimot |             | b Holyoak      | 0  |
| P Ryan     |             | b Pratt        | 20 |
| S Utting   | c Nicholson | b Ash          | 0  |
| I Ashman   | c Cannon    | b Holyoak      | 0  |
| J Howley   |             | b Ash          | 0  |
| D Jones    | c Holyoak   | c Mack         | 11 |
| G Harrop   |             | b Ash          | 1  |
| D Hurley   | c Ash       | b Smith        | 7  |
| M Beck     |             | b Smith        | 0  |
| G Debbage  |             | Not Out        | 0  |
|            | Extras      | (5b, 2lb, 4w)  | 11 |
|            | TOTAL       | For 10 wickets | 53 |

Bowling: B Holyoak: 7-2-10-2, T Ash: 12-4-12-4: J Pratt: 3-1-10-1,  
R Smith: 4-1-9-2, C Mack: 1.4-0-5-1

**Result: Alborough A won by 125 Runs**