

## **Halvergate A overcome Lowestoft**

Halvergate A secured their second win of 2009 with what turned out to be a comfortable win over a spirited Lowestoft B side at Halvergate on Saturday.

In breezy, overcast conditions and with the pitch having been covered for 48 hours, Halvergate captain David Jones won the toss and elected to bat. Ben Key and Stuart Willimot opened for the Hares and made slow but steady progress against accurate bowling which made good use of the conditions. The openers reached their 50 partnership in the 24<sup>th</sup> over and soon accelerated their scoring, passing 100 in the 32<sup>nd</sup> over, with Willimot passing 50. The pair continued to attack the Lowestoft bowlers, taking the score past 130 before Key fell to a catch at point off Newman for 48. Willimot soon followed for an excellent 73. Paul Ryan and Stuart Hannant moved the score to 150 before the latter was trapped in front of his stumps by Newman. Steve Uttings' poor form with the bat continued as he fell first ball, caught by Reynolds at point. Ryan was then caught and bowled by Mann, leaving Ian Ashman and Tom Knapp to see out the innings. Halvergate A finished on 158 for 5 from their 45 overs.

Glyn Debbage and David Jones opened the bowling for Halvergate and the latter got an early breakthrough with Willimot taking a sharp catch at slip to remove McAvoy. Debbage then removed Reynolds to leave the visitors on 10 for 2 after 5 overs. Lowestoft found progress hard against some tight bowling and sharp fielding and were in further trouble when Utting caught Udal for 16 off the bowling of Jones with just 22 runs on the board. Halvergate should have inflicted further damage, but catches were put down which could have proved costly. The opening bowlers finished their spells with just 34 runs on the board after 24 overs. Lowestoft batsmen Porter and Driscoll then took advantage of some loose bowling to move the score along, passing 100 in the 36<sup>th</sup> over and needing just above 6 runs an over to secure victory. Ryan replaced Graham Harrop and he soon made a double breakthrough, bowling Porter for 52 and having Driscoll caught by Damien Hurley for 33. This slowed the scoring rate and when Ryan bowled Thompson and Willimot accounted for Mann, the Hares managed to close out the game for a deserved victory.

Halvergate A were pleased to secure the win and to see a significant improvement with the bat, but will be aware that dropped catches could be costly and need to be taken if they are to mount a challenge for promotion. The Hares travel to New Buckenham on Saturday looking to build on this performance.

## Halvergate A vs Lowestoft B – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009

**Halvergate A won the toss and elected to bat**

### Halvergate A Innings

B Key	c Reynolds	b Newman	48
S Willimot		b Newman	73
P Ryan	c & b	b Mann	7
S Hannant	LBW	b Newman	10
S Utting	c Reynolds	b Newman	0
I Asham		Not Out	2
T Knapp		Not Out	1
	Extras	(3lb, 8w, 6lb)	17
	TOTAL	For 5 wickets	158

Bowling: S Mann: 12-6-28-1, M Driscoll: 8-2-37-0, T Udal: 7-3-17-0,  
A Thompson: 12-2-36-0, J Newman: 6-0-31-4

### Lowestoft B Innings

T Udal	c Utting	b Jones	16
J McAvoy	c Willimot	b Jones	1
E Reynolds	c Ryan	b Debbage	0
S Porter		b Ryan	52
M Driscoll	c Hurley	b Ryan	33
S Mann		b Willimot	9
A Thompson		b Ryan	5
C Willis		Not Out	5
J Newman		Not Out	5
	Extras	(2b, 2w, 6lb)	10
	TOTAL	For 7 wickets	136

Bowling: G Debbage: 12-5-17-1, D Jones: 12-5-15-2, S Willimot: 9-0-49-1  
G Harrop: 4-0-30-0, P Ryan: 8-1-19-3

**Result: Halvergate A won by 22 runs**