

Halvergate A fall short

Halvergate A fell to their second loss of 2009 against a New Buckenham side that were clearly determined to secure their first win of the season.

On a warm afternoon, the home side won the toss and elected to field. This appeared to be a strange decision given the conditions, but the home captain clearly knew what would be in store for the Hares batsmen. Ben Key and David Jones opened for Halvergate and had to be watchful on a surface which offered no bounce and variable pace. Against some tight bowling, scoring was slow and Key departed with just 11 runs on the board. Jones soon followed leaving Paul Ryan and Stuart Hannant to steady the innings. The pair batted well to move the score to 70 after 21 overs but both fell in quick succession, soon followed by James Howley. Tom Knapp rode his luck to advance the score but David Hills, Steve Utting and Matt Beck failed to make their mark. After Knapp fell, Graham Harrop and Glynn Debbage added some late runs but the innings closed on 119 after 43 overs.

After a tea break which involved a stroll into the village and a local pub, Debbage and Jones looked to make an early breakthrough. The former almost bagged a sharp caught & bowled chance to remove the New Buckenham dangerman Hardwick before Jones accounted for Ling, well caught by Knapp. The home side made slow progress and the visitors were continually frustrated with a number of appeals for LBW turned down. Debbage accounted for Rust and Jones removed Watling to leave the home side on 40 for 3 after 18 overs. Phillips joined Hardwick and the pair rode their luck and survived further appeals to advance the score. A double bowling change saw Harrop and Ryan join the attack and the latter accounted for Phillips. Harrop removed Duncan and Frame in quick succession to make the home side nervous, but Hardwick saw the home side reach the target with five overs left.

Halvergate A were left frustrated by falling at least 20 runs short with the bat. The Hares will be keen to avenge this defeat when New Buckenham make the visit to Halvergate in August

New Buckenham vs Halvergate A– Saturday 23rd May 2009

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Halvergate A Innings

B Key	c Rust	b Braithwaite	8
D Jones	c Hardwick	b Sturman	4
P Ryan		b Watling	23
S Hannant	c Braithwaite	b Duncan	19
J Howley	c Duncan	b Watling	5
T Knapp		b Braithwaite	19
D Hills	c Phillips	b Sturman	0
S Utting	c Frame	b Sturman	3
G Harrop			8
M Beck	c Hardwick	b Sturman	0
G Debbage		b Watling	7
	Extras	(5b, 12w, 4lb, 2nb)	23
	TOTAL	For 10 wickets	119

Bowling: J Braithwaite: 12-5-32-2, S Sturman: 12-5-16-4 S Duncan: 9-3-23-1
I Watling: 10-0-35-3

New Buckenham Innings

T Hardwick		Not Out	71
A Ling	c Knapp	b Jones	5
D Rust	c Hannant	b Debbage	9
I Watling	c Key	b Jones	1
S Phillips		b Ryan	23
S Duncan		b Harrop	7
N Frame		b Harrop	0
S Sturman		Not Out	0
	Extras	(2b, 2w, 3lb)	7
	TOTAL	For 6 wickets	123

Bowling: G Debbage: 12-2-32-1, D Jones: 12-1-34-2, G Harrop: 8.1-2-26-2,
P Ryan: 6-0-21-1, T Knapp: 2-0-7-0

Result: New Buckenham won by 4 wickets