

Expectations were massively exceeded every step of the way:

Match 1. *Basel Dragons (126-6 after 20 overs) v Basel Crickets (128-5, 19 overs and 3 balls, Chris Langford 15, Oli Millar 23 Not Out) - victory by 2 wickets, 3 balls in hand.*

Match 2. *Gingins CC (125-5 after 20 overs, Rohan 35 Ret'd, Nish 30) v Basel Crickets (122-7 after 20 overs, Thomas 47 Not Out, Oli Millar 23; Luca 3-27, Rohan 2-10) - defeat by 3 runs.*

Match 3. *La Chat (69 all out, Matty 24) v Basel Crickets (72-2, 10 overs and 3 balls, Chris 35 Ret'd, Pranav 15) - victory by 5 wickets, 9 overs and 3 balls in hand.*

Match 4. *Swiss National U13 team (194 all out after 20 overs, Ismail 60, Ed 36 Not Out; 6 wickets Run Out or Stumped) v Basel Crickets (195-2 after 18 overs and 5 balls, Thomas 35 Ret'd, Pranav 36 Ret'd, Chris Langford 35 Ret'd) - victory by 5 wickets, 7 balls in hand.*

Lessons learned:

- 1) Favourites have to earn victories. An underdog, playing well, can surprise time and time again.
- 2) Never give up. 195 to win against the Swiss U13s was a HUGE score, but right from the outset by pushing and running all the way, we established and maintained the required run rate.
- 3) Catches win matches. Anything in the air near Oli was a catch - 6 on Saturday.
- 4) Good individual performances lift the entire team. Each player can do this.
- 5) Bounce back from disappointment: individually, Chris had been unhappy with his batting on Saturday and came back on Sunday and retired in both games. As a team, having 194 scored against us was pretty devastating. But we got on with it and won.
- 5) Bowling wides really undermines a good performance. This is something we must focus on for future events.
- 6) Close games are really exciting!
- 7) Winning feels great.
- 8) Players who had not communicated their availability early enough missed out on a super weekend of cricket. Please don't let that happen again. But we have this coming weekend to repeat the experience as a full Zurich Crickets team.

Thanks very much to Basel for hosting us so well (as always), and for letting us play in this combined team.

John Millar