

The Dragonflies (a combined team of two Basel Dragons players and five from Zurich Crickets) made their way to Geneva to play in the inaugural Romande U11 Tournament at a sunny Bout-du-Monde oval. The competition was played in a pairs format with each side starting on 200 and losing 5 runs for each wicket.



The Dragonflies were asked to field first against a Cossonay/GRYCC team who had just finished playing Gingins. Ross (BDJCC) and Sasha (ZCCC) opened the bowling for the Dragonflies - Ross struggled to find the right line, getting extravagant movement off the pitch, and Kabir (Cossonay) took advantage of the pace to hit two boundaries. Sasha continued his form from the Lemane Cup, with a maiden in his first over and then letting his accuracy slip to concede 3 wides in the second.

Also continuing his form was Euan (BDJCC) who formed the next bowling pair with Vadim (ZCCC). Euan struck with his second ball and took two more wickets, only conceding two runs from his two overs. Vadim also bowled well with only two runs coming from the bat.

Brothers Matty and Paolo (ZCCC) were next up and they continued with the wickets, taking one each and the final pair of Andreas (ZCCC) and Alex (on loan from Gingins) also bowled very accurately and took two wickets apiece.

In all, Cossonay/GRYCC scored 220-9 (200 + 65 - 9 wickets).

After the interval, they struck first ball, with George getting movement off the pitch to take Ross' off stump. He and Vadim settled down with a boundary and some good running although Vadim was run out for the last wicket that the Dragonflies conceded. Full of confidence from his bowling, Euan made 15* which included three boundaries. The rest of the team struggled to get many more runs with tight fielding, but the extras did keep the scoreboard ticking over. In the end the Dragonflies comfortably made the total ending on 300-2 (200 + 110 - 2 wickets).

With rain forecast, the Dragonflies had a quick turnaround for their second game against Gingins. Gingins won the toss and elected to field. Ross and Vadim opened again and this time Ross found form scoring 28* in the game, including five boundaries. Euan was unable to continue his form from the first game and ended up conceding three wickets, one of which was a stunning low catch by Malik at point. Sasha looked spritely and scored 8* including one boundary. The innings was finished with a little and large combination of Andreas and Ross. Ross hit a couple of boundaries, including one that landed just short of a six. Andreas supported Ross well and made a run.

The Dragonflies finished on 298-3 (200 + 113 - 3 wickets).

This time Andreas and Matty opened the bowling for the Dragonflies. Both bowled accurately and this time Matty picked up the wicket of Will. Next up were Ross and Sasha. Ross bowled more accurately although Jack took advantage of the pace again to hit some boundaries down to third man. Ross' pace troubled Vadim's wicket keeping and Ross' three overs included 13 byes. Sasha started well with two wickets in two balls, but tiredness led to wides and Jack and Thomas managed to get a couple of boundaries from him. Euan and Vadim were the next pair to bowl - Euan continued his outstanding form from the first game conceding only one run from his two overs, and taking two wickets, ending the day with amazing figures. Vadim also bowled well, taking two wickets in two balls and a maiden, and was unlucky to have four overthrows.

Paolo bowled his two overs paired with an over from Ross+Sasha, and he made Rory and Malik struggle to get runs, and took a wicket. Alex was the last batter in, facing an over each from Andreas and Matty, and saw half of the balls going wide or for a no ball.

In all Gingins made 237-10 (200 + 87 - 10 wickets), meaning that the Dragonflies won both of their games. The opening game between Gingins and GRYCC/Cossonay was a tighter affair with the game swinging either way in the closing overs as wickets fell, however Gingins hung on to win by 11 runs to take the second spot.

Many thanks to Gingins, GRYCC and Cossonay for the organisation of the day of cricket, which hopefully will become a regular close to the outdoor season. Also thanks to the Basel and Zurich players who once again put aside club rivalry to play well as a team.

Dragonflies figures:

Bowler	Analysis
Andreas	5-0-20-2
Euan	4-1-3-5
Matty	5-0-20-2
Paolo	4-0-15-2
Ross	5-0-30-2
Sasha	5-1-29-3
Vadim	4-1-14-2

Batter	Total Runs	Dismissals
Andreas	1	0
Euan	17	3
Matty	1	0
Paolo	2	0
Ross	38	1
Sasha	10	0
Vadim	4	1

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