

ZCCC Gingins U11 Indoor Tournament Report

12 & 13 November 2016

A clear and frosty morning greeted players from across the country (and further) to the College Madame de Stael in Geneva for the Gingins U11 Indoor Tournament. Teams from Basel, Cossonay/GRYCC, Gingins, Luxembourg and Zurich were all represented. The format was 8-a-side, 15 overs with a round-robin and the winner determined by points. As Zurich only had 6 players, they relied on the very generous support of other teams for additional players.

Match 1: Luxembourg

ZCCC 58-2 (Sasha 22*, Shankar 22*; Frederick 1-8, Freddy 1-15) bt Luxembourg 58 all out (Nate 10, Ayusha 9; Owen 2-3, Shankar 1-3) by 5 wickets

Having seen a strong Luxembourg beat a combined Cossonay/GRYCC side in the morning, Zurich knew they had to play well. Luxembourg lost the toss, and captain **Owen** elected to field. Success came on the third ball when Sasha (Lux) set off for a run which bounced off the wall near the stumps and was collected by **Sasha** who brought it in for a run out. Freddy and Charlie found the accurate and quick bowling from Owen and Sasha difficult to get away and kept finding fielders. The pressure told in the second over when Freddy was run out. Owen's second over brought more wickets bowling Charlie and Frederick in quick succession. **Shankar's** first over went for a maiden before he bowled Oscar, and then a fantastic direct hit from **Ethan** (Gingins) from 25 yards saw the end of Ayusha. Nate and Tom saw out a few more overs before Nate popped up one of **Austin's** top spinners to be caught.

Owen and Sasha combined brightly with the first over going for 11 before Owen edged Frederick behind to the keeper. Shankar and Sasha kept the momentum however, using the walls and running aggressively before both retiring on 22, Shankar's coming with a six! Austin and **Yash** saw out the last few balls before an extra took Zurich over the line.

Match 2: Cossonay/GRYCC

ZCCC 56-0 (Sasha 23*, Owen 20*) bt Cossonay/GRYCC 55 all out (Medansh 14, Thomas G 7; Sasha 2-1, Owen 2-2) by 7 wickets

Next up were a combined side from Cossonay and GRYCC. Owen won the toss and chose to field. With Cossonay/GRYCC giving some less experienced batsmen a go to start, Zurich opened the bowling with Austin and Yash. They kept things tight, and Yash got his first wicket for the team with Medansh pulling the ball straight to Owen. Owen and Sasha then came on and the runs dried up with both bowling a maiden and both taking two wickets. Owen bowled Nevzad twice (coming back in to make a 9th player), and Sasha trapping

Mycroft and then bowling Aiden. On-loan Adarsh (GRYCC) bowled Thomas H with his first ball before the experience of Thomas G and Ryan enabled Cossonay/GRYCC to consolidate. However a direct hit from Shankar ran out Ryan (4) to break the partnership.

With another low total, Owen and Sasha played sensibly, running hard. They made 14 off the first over and Sasha finished the game with a 4 in the 5th over. With so much time left, they played for another 5 overs, giving everyone a bat and bowl.

Match 3: Gingins

ZCCC 84-5 (Sasha 22*, Thomas G 9*; Mushaar 2-17, Ethan 1-14) bt Gingins 82 all out (Ethan 24*, Thomas A 16; Owen 3-9, Shankar 2-5) by 2 wickets

An early start on the Sunday brought the also undefeated Gingins side. Owen again won the toss and chose to field. Owen struck with his third ball, bowling Alex and then followed up bowling Bron. This brought the dangerous pair of Ethan and Thomas A together. Ethan played well and hit Sasha for two fours and went on to retire. A quick change of keeper (Sasha for Shankar) saw a break through with Yash getting his second wicket as Mushaar came forward and missed the ball, and Sasha whipping off the bails. Shankar's next over saw three wickets in three balls with William ending up run out after a mix up. The incoming Jimmy was stumped first ball and then Shankar bowled Tom. Andreas then had Ben caught by Thomas G, bringing back Ethan to join the somewhat bemused Thomas A. They put on a few more runs before Owen brought himself back on in the 14th over. They saw out the first 5 balls of quick bowling before Owen bowled a well disguised slower ball. Looking like a beamer, Thomas A went back, and was through the shot too early and the ball dipped and hit him on the pad in front of the stumps.

Owen and Sasha were watchful against Ethan's quick bowling, but managed to use the pace and get a few runs, before Owen edged Mushaar behind for 2. Shankar scored 5 before chipping Mushaar back for a caught and bowled. With the help of a couple of 5s, Sasha again retired, hitting a four to make 22*. Andreas ran himself out, but Thomas G and Yash combined well before Yash ran himself out. Alex (Gingins) came to the crease and hit the winning 3 off Ethan in the 10th over.

Match 4: Basel Dragons

ZCCC 154-5 (Sasha 48*, Shankar 21*, Austin 18*; Xander 2-9) bt Basel Dragons 121-3 (Charlie 22*, Connor 21*; Owen 1-9, Sasha 1-18) by 33 runs

With Zurich having beaten Gingins, the result of the last match wouldn't affect the outcome, but such thoughts were far from the minds of the players as they faced their local rivals, Basel. This time Owen lost the toss, and Charlie elected to field, giving Zurich an opportunity to show what a total they could make. Sadly Owen played down the wrong line to Charlie and was bowled for 11. Shankar and Sasha consolidated and both retired. Andreas and Yash both came and went quickly. William (on loan from Basel) hit a towering 6 before being trapped LBW by Xander, and Ryan (also Basel) was also trapped, this time by Oliver. This

brought back Sasha who combined well with Austin (making his highest score of 18*) to put on a massive total. Sasha was denied getting to half century as he ran out of overs.

Ryan and Andreas opened the bowling (with Ryan to take the gloves later) and kept things tight. Quirjan seeing out ball after ball of quick bowling from Owen. They both retired, bringing Greg and Oliver to the crease. With Owen's last over he managed to get one past and bowled Greg. Andreas spun a ball past Oliver to clip the top of off. Charlie and Conner consolidated, hitting a number of boundaries and both retiring. George continued with the hitting, also finding the boundary before Sasha bowled him.

Basel showed their indoor experience (particularly for a young team) and worked the threes and kept things tight and went on to make 121, a very good score but not enough to win.

Conclusions



The winning Zurich team. L-R: Owen, Shankar, Andreas (standing), Yash, Austin, Sasha

Zurich showed that even with a young team (Owen the only U11) and with two players down, they have the experience and depth to dominate and continue their unbeaten run this season. The batting and bowling pivoted around Owen, Sasha and Shankar. Andreas, Austin and Yash all bowled tightly and got wickets, fielded well and got critical runs.

Even with the normally reliable Owen out three times cheaply, the team didn't panic and Shankar and Sasha ensured they made the runs with aggressive running. Sasha in particular never looked like he would get out and went on to make 115 runs without getting out (almost making a half-century) and was awarded batsman of the tournament.

The bowling ensured that there weren't big totals to chase, with Shankar bowling quickly and the most accurately he has. Sasha was reliable and accurate but it was Owen that blew away a few teams, and he finished the tournament with stunning figures of 10.2-2-23-8, and he was awarded bowler of the tournament.

The fielding was mostly very sharp and a couple of excellent direct hits ensured the wickets kept coming, and also kept the runs down, which ensured a fantastic all-round performance. Bron of Gingins was awarded the fielder of the tournament, and the Basel team (typified by George and Conner) were awarded the spirit of cricket award.

Many thanks to Danny, Gareth, Arnold and many others from Gingins for the well run tournament and keeping everyone fed and watered with some delicious food and drink. Also thanks to the other teams for lending some fantastic players (which may have counted against them) and for the great spirit the games were played in. Generally excellent cricket and smiling faces dominated. Thanks also to Grant for coaching and Ivan for scoring.

Position	Team	Points
1	Zurich Crickets	12
2	Gingins	9
3	Luxembourg	6
4	Basel Dragons	3
5	Cossonay/GRYCC	0

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Statistics

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Andreas	8.57	30.0	21.0	1.43	7-0-60-2
Austin	6.50	39.0	36.0	1.00	6-0-39-1
Owen	2.23	2.9	7.8	1.26	10.2-2-23-8
Sasha	4.00	13.3	20.0	0.70	10-2-40-3
Shankar	5.00	13.3	16.0	0.75	8-1-40-3
Yash	7.67	23.0	18.0	2.5	6-0-46-2

Economy: runs conceded per over

Average: runs conceded per wicket

Strike rate: balls bowled per wicket

Extras per Over: number of wides or no balls conceded per over
Analysis: Overs-Maidens-Runs conceded-Wickets

Batting

Batter	Average	Runs	Strike Rate
Andreas	1.7	5	33
Austin	18.0	18	72
Owen	13.7	41	128
Sasha	-	115	172
Shankar	48.0	48	200
Yash	3.5	7	64

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

Strike rate: scoring rate, where 100 is one run per ball faced