

ZCCC Basel U11 Indoor Tournament Report

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With the sun giving way to clouds and rain, it made a perfect weekend for the Basel U11 Indoor Tournament at Pfaffenholz. Teams from Basel, Cossonay, Luxembourg, Zurich and a wanderers All Star team were all represented. The format was 9-a-side, 12 overs with a round-robin and the winner determined by points.

Match 1: All Stars

ZCCC U11 144-0 (Sasha 26*, Shankar 22*, Owen 22*; Mushaar 0-18, Greg 0-20) bt All Stars 72 all out (Mushaar 23*; Andreas 3-15, Sasha 2-2) by 72 runs

The first match was against the All Stars, a Wanderers side made up of 5 players from Gingins, two from Basel and two from Zurich (**Yash** and **Alexander**). Thomas A lost the toss and **Owen** elected to bat. **Sasha** and **Shankar** continued their form from the Gingins tournament, and quickly got to retirement, although Shanker did end up putting in three dives with some close calls. Owen and **Danyal** were next in and continued with the hard running, and Owen also retired on 22*. In order to give others a bat in the last few overs, Danyal was also retired and Arkan and Ben came in for their first tournament showing with Zurich. **Arkan** showed his hitting, which included two fours. **Ben** found the tricky bowling tougher to get away but finished not out. The Crickets finished the 12 overs on 144-0.

The action started early, with Sasha catching Greg off his own bowling in the second over. He followed up by bowling Alex. The hat trick ball safely negotiated by Quirjn. He and Mushaar negotiated the next couple of overs from Danyal and Arkan. **Andreas** had a tough start bowling three wides in his first over, but had Quirjn caught spooning the ball to Sasha with the last ball. Slower bowling seemed to be the order of the day with Thomas A coming down the track to **Austin's** first ball, misreading the length and was stumped by Sasha (now behind the stumps). Yash was then bowled by Shankar, before Andreas had Alexander stumped, and bowled Rory with a ball pitching on off and clipping leg. Mushaar came back from retirement, but only for two balls before Tom L was run out. The All Stars finished on 72 all out in 11.2 overs.

Match 2: Basel Dragons

ZCCC U11 98-0 (Shankar 22*, Sasha 20*, Owen 18*; Saif 0-9, Greg 0-22) bt BDJCC U11 95-7 (Greg 23*, Prijansh 11; Sasha 1-8, Owen 1-11, Danyal 1-11) by 8 wickets.

Zurich next faced a tougher challenge – Basel Dragons. This time the Crickets fielded first, and got off to a good start with Sasha bowling a wicket-maiden, bowling Will. Prijansh was then run out, bringing Greg to the crease who consolidated with Sai. Greg managed a ran six off Arkan's fizzing leg breaks before Sai ended up run out. This prompted a mini-collapse

as Mattijs was bowled by Shankar, Charlie run out and Conner bowled by Owen. Ben bowled a tight over giving away nothing off the bat, before Danyal had George caught and bowled with a stunning catch. Basel finished on 95-7 after their 12 overs.

Sasha and Shankar got going quickly (16 in the first over), both hitting a number of 4s and both retiring, this time with fewer scares on the running. Owen and Danyal continued similarly quickly and with the scores level at the end of the 8th over, the result was not in doubt. Zurich finished on 98-0 in 8.1 overs.

Match 3: Luxembourg

ZCCC 125-3 (Sasha 23*, Shankar 22*; Charlie 1-27, Frederick 0-18) bt Luxembourg 120-7 (Frederick 30*, Freddie 23*; Danyal 1-12, Sasha 1-21) by 5 runs

The next day brought the toughest test, facing the undefeated Luxembourg. As such it would be effectively the final. Zurich again batted first, and Sasha was watchful against a testing spell of inswing from Frederick, who bowled a maiden. They got going against Sasha (Lux) however, taking 14 from his over, and then 16 off the returning Frederick. Both Sasha and Shankar retired, bringing Owen and Danyal to the crease. Owen hit a quickfire 20 off only 8 balls (with one dot) to retire. Danyal found the going tougher, and had started to accelerate before being bowled by Charlie. Arkan and Andreas came in and this time the lack of experience showed for Arkan with first Andreas ending up run out and then himself. Austin and Ben couldn't add to the score and Zurich finished on 125-3.

Needing just over 10 an over, Luxembourg got off to a good start until Sasha ended up run out by a fantastic direct hit from Danyal. Danyal then restricted the run rate with ball in hand, only going for 5. Sasha continued his knack of getting a wicket in the first over of his spell, bowling Charlie. Owen, Sasha and Arkan all bowled accurately, keeping the run rate down leaving Luxembourg on 55-2 at the end of the 7th over. Frederic and Freddie retired, and then the wickets started to fall. Danyal bowling Ayush. Luxembourg started to show their aggressive running, making some 4s into 6s, but the 11th over saw three wickets fall with Tom and Thomas both ending up run out, and then Owen having Nate caught with a stunning catch by Danyal. Needing 21 off the final over, Luxembourg looked for every run, but Arkan bowled tightly and the team kept their heads to restrict them to 15 meaning the title was Zurich's!

Match 4: Cossonay

ZCCC 112-3 (Shankar 22*, Owen 19; Alexander 1-7, Matthew 1-17) bt Cossonay 75 all out (Alexander 10*, Ryan 9; Sasha 1-4, Andreas 1-7) by 37 runs

Zurich went into their final match looking to protect their record of wins, and knowing that Cossonay had four players in the national squad they had to play well. Put in by Cossonay's Thomas G, Zurich got off to their usual start with Sasha and Shankar using the pace of Thomas G to get runs off all but one ball of the first over. The leg breaks of Ryan and left-arm swing of Adarsh were also expensive, but Matthew took back control with some

accurate pace bowling, and Sasha ending up bowled looking to sweep him. Shankar continued with is his form and retired, and Owen looked to do the same before chipping a slow ball from Alexander to Thomas G. Danyal ended up run out, and with Owen retiring Arkan and Ben again found it difficult to get runs, although started to accelerate with Zurich finishing on 112-3 from their 12 overs.

Zurich got off to a perfect start with Adarsh unable to get runs off the bat and ended up trapped in front trying to play Danyal across the line. Sasha bowled the dangerous Thomas G in his only over. Although not very behind the rate, the pressure showed with a run out and then Max left stranded out of his ground to a ball from Andreas. Spin was successful for Austin when Madansh chipped him in the air to be taken by Shankar. With a change of keeper for the 8 year old Fynn, some byes were let through, but the run rate never got high enough. Shankar bowled Aiden, before Arkan bowled the last over and Tom shovelled the penultimate ball to Sasha for Cossonay to finish on 75 all out.

Conclusions



The winning Zurich team. L-R, back: Sasha, Danyal, Owen, Shankar, Arkan;
front: Ben, Andreas, Austin, Fynn

Zurich have built on their success in the last indoor competition to deliver a comprehensive performance. Even when Luxembourg ran aggressively the team kept their cool to secure the victory and with it the competition.

Shankar was the star with the bat, retiring in all four matches and at an impressive strike rate, with Sasha and Owen also showing good form only getting out once apiece. Danyal and Arkan provided useful middle order runs, which meant that Zurich went at over 10-an-over in all but one match. In total the batting meant Zurich finished the two days with 479-6.

This time around, the bowling spoils were shared around. Taking pace off the ball was successful in restricting the runs, with Arkan's fizzing leggies, Andreas' testing offspin and Austin's loopy top spinners all troubling the batsmen. Sasha's accurate left-arm swing again proved to be a challenge, netting five wickets. Owen's pace was too much for most, beating the bat many times.

The bowlers were very well supported in the field, with stumpings, catches and direct hits as well as important stops. Danyal was awarded fielder of the tournament for his superb efforts (caught and bowled, a stunning catch and a direct hit run out), and Andreas the Spirit of Cricket award for recovering from a diamond duck for the All Stars to put in a fantastic bowling performance against Luxembourg.

Many thanks to Steve, Jason and Matt for putting on a fantastic tournament and all the parents and scorers, and of course to the players for putting on a great display of cricket. Also to Yash, Alexander, Fynn, Andreas and Austin for all putting in stints playing for the All Stars. Lastly thanks to Nigel for scoring and Grant for coaching.

Position	Team
1	Zurich Crickets
2	Luxembourg
3	Basel Dragons
4	Cossonay
5	All Stars

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Statistics

Names with a * include performances for the All Stars team.

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Alexander*	11.00	-	-	4.50	2-0-22-0
Andreas*	6.24	10.20	9.80	3.18	8.1-0-51-5
Arkan	7.25	64.00	53.00	1.81	8.5-0-64-1
Austin*	6.48	13.50	12.20	2.76	8.2-0-54-4
Ben	7.67	-	-	2.67	3-0-23-0
Danyal	9.20	15.33	10.00	5.00	5-0-46-3
Fynn*	8.50	-	-	1.00	2-0-17-0
Owen	6.50	26.00	24.00	2.50	8-0-52-2
Sasha	5.00	6.00	7.20	0.33	6-1-30-5
Shankar	10.50	14.00	8.00	2.00	4-0-42-3
Yash*	8.00	-	-	2.00	3-0-24-0

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
Alexander*	0	0	0
Andreas*	0.5	1	33
Arkan	26.0	26	144
Austin*	4.0	4	50
Ben	-	1	8
Danyal	18.0	36	129
Fynn*	3.0	3	100
Owen	79.0	79	208
Sasha	86.0	86	169
Shankar	-	87	193
Yash*	3.0	3	43

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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