

ZCCC Basel U11 Indoor Tournament Report

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With a proper winter in full swing, icy conditions welcomed teams to Bäumlhof in Basel for the Basel U11 Indoors tournament. The format was a 15 overs, 8-a-side round robin. Teams from Basel Dragons, Cossonay, Gingins, Luxembourg and Zurich Crickets were present. Some teams had fewer than 8 players so some “loaning” was used.

Match 1: Gingins

ZCCC U11 150-1 (Shankar 22*, Danyal 21*; Will 0-16, Mushaar 0-14) bt Gingins U11 89-4 (Katie 14; Danyal 2-21, Sasha 1-13) by 61 runs

Katie won the toss and put Zurich in to bat. Having no cricket for three weeks meant everyone was a little rusty. Sasha (20*) faced the first over and struggled with his timing before getting the last ball of the over away for three. Shankar also looked rusty after the three week break from cricket, but both soon started to find some fluency with Sasha retiring off two fours and Shankar retiring not long after. Danyal looked in better shape and also hit two fours. Avneet (12) struggled to time the ball too but soon started to find the wall. They both retired, bringing Ben (2) and Austin (20*) together, although briefly as Ben took on the keeper Vignesh (on loan from Basel) who ran him out with the first of many direct hits in the competition. Austin looked in great touch and rotated the strike with Fynn (7*). They both found the boundary with Austin retiring, which brought Alexander (2*) to the crease, and he and Fynn saw out the remaining balls to leave Zurich on a round 150-1.

Needing just over 10 an over, Gingins knew they had their work cut out. Danyal opened the bowling and with a slightly shortened run up which affected his accuracy. Also the first outing for Fynn behind the stumps in a while, it meant an expensive first over. However one ball was on the target and bowled Will beaten for pace. Sasha, Shankar, Avneet, Ben and Austin all bowled well, keeping the run rate below the required rate. Katie showed her big hitting, some shots would have gone for 6 outdoors but only 1 indoors. Alexander then bowled a maiden of well flighted top spinners, and the pressure told with Katie, Nicky and Erik all out without the score advancing (one run out by Avneet, one bowled by Danyal, and one caught of Sasha by Shankar). With five overs to go and 104 behind, the priority for Gingins was to bat out the overs. They applied themselves well and took advantage of some profligate bowling to finish on 89-4.

Match 2: Cossonay

ZCCC U11 187-1 (Sasha 44*, Austin 22*; Connor 1-42, Jai 0-11) bt Cossonay U11 83 all out (Jai 28*, Medansh 8; Sasha 1-5, Danyal 1-17) by 104 runs.

If “rustiness” was the word to describe the first match, “brutality” might be apt for the second. Sasha and Shankar swapped threes in the first over of Medansh before Sasha hit Connor (on loan from Basel) for consecutive sixes and a four to retire off 5 balls. Shankar (20*) and Danyal continued the hitting with Danyal (21*) also hitting a six and both retired. Ben (15*) and Andreas (21*) formed a left-hander partnership and both found the wall and retired. Austin continued his form from the first match and hit a quick-fire 22 off 11 before also retiring. Fynn (2) and Alexander (2*) came together but Fynn was caught by Ryan off Connor. This meant Sasha came back in and retired a second time with one six and three fours off Connor and Ryan to leave Zurich on 187-1.

Needing over 12.5 an over, Cossonay had to hit out. Jai got things going hitting Andreas and Ben for a six and Danyal for four to retire. Still behind the run rate, the wickets started to fall with Ryan being run out by Shankar first ball. Sasha then had Medansh caught by Ben. Aiden was run out by Alexander from fine leg and Sahil followed a few balls later by a direct hit from Danyal. Danyal was too quick for Oliver and that brought Jai back with Connor. Andreas bowled a wide, but next ball bowled Connor through the gate.

Match 3: Luxembourg

ZCCC 158-6 (Sasha 41*, Avneet 38*; Tom 1-28, Sasha D 1-30) bt Luxembourg 95-3 (Sasha D 20*, Nate 20*; Shankar 2-5, Ben 1-17) by 63 runs

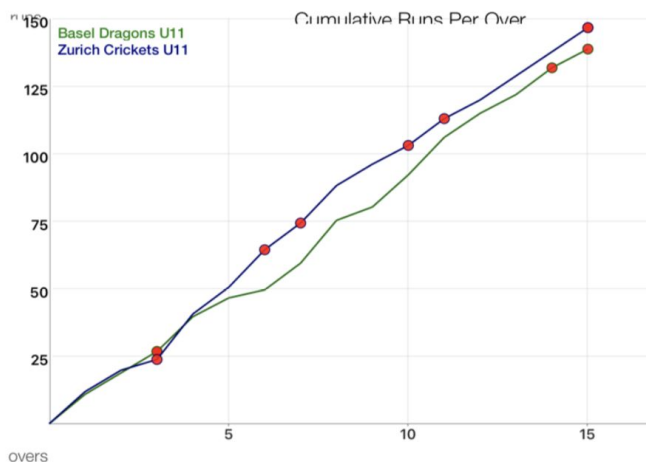
Zurich again batted first, and Zurich got off to a slightly more circumspect start with Sasha and Shankar (16) making a 39 run partnership by the end of the 3rd over before Shankar hit Tom in the air and was caught by Thomas B. Danyal (6) didn't last long before getting caught by Maeve of Sasha D's bowling. Sasha retired leaving the left-hand pair of Avneet and Andreas (16). Avneet retired bringing Ben (3) to the middle. There followed a flurry of wickets as Ben and then Fynn (3) ended up run out. Andreas then tried to cut a straight ball and was bowled by Thomas B, which brought Sasha back. Alex fell soon after, leaving Sasha and Avneet together for the final over on 133. They seemed to feel 133 was under par and both hit a six with the final over going for 25 leaving Zurich on 158-6.

Danyal opened the bowling with some of his quickest and most accurate spells, backed up by Fynn behind the stumps and Luxembourg could only take three. Sasha followed that up only going for a single. The pressure told by the 4th over when Thomas B was bowled by Shankar with the score on 14. All the bowlers were tight and supported by excellent fielding and Ben got the next wicket of Tom being caught by Sasha. At the halfway point Luxembourg were on 44, way behind the 80 required to be on track. Sasha D and Nate started to build up some runs, as Danyal gave each of the bowlers a second over not having the pressure to keep the run rate down. They both retired and the innings concluded much as it began with a wicket from Shankar and a low run rate.

Match 4: Basel Dragons

ZCCC 148 all out (Danyal 37, Shankar 25; Conner 1-18, George 1-19) bt Basel Dragons 140-4 (Vignesh 22*, Pratyush 22*, Connor 21*; Andreas 2-16, Shankar 1-17) by 8 runs

The tournament concluded with the two unbeaten teams facing off in an effective final. Both captains were happy at the toss, with George inserting Zurich. Sai's first over brought back memories of the Gingins tournament with one ball barely missing the bails, but Sasha managed to stick. Connor took revenge for the previous day having Sasha (11) caught by Sai. Shankar and Danyal tried to steady the boat, but seemed a little rattled with Sasha out and narrowly escaped a few runouts. They got to retirement but then Avneet went without facing a ball after another direct hit from Vignesh, who also accounted for Austin. Andreas hit a quickfire 12 including a six off Ryan before he ran him out. Fynn lasted two balls which brought Shankar back with Ben (12*). Ben batted calmly, while Shankar only added 5 to hit total before taking on Vignesh. Danyal came in and managed to do better adding 17 more before ending up run out (Vignesh again!) off the last ball of the innings leaving Zurich with 148.



Having put on 18 more runs than the equivalent fixture in Geneva, the players felt a little more confident, but tiredness seemed to affect Danyal and he was quite wayward. Sasha was also expensive, leaving Basel up with the rate. Andreas bowled next and Connor pulled one ball into the corner for three. Sasha moved Avneet, and it worked with George pulling the next ball into Avneet's hands. Andreas then bowled Sai through the gate leaving him on a hat-trick, although the left-handed

Vignesh presented more of a challenge and he safely negotiated the ball. Ben bowled an excellent over of 3 which was the first time the required rate got above 11. Pratyush and Vignesh came back using the wall well, before Sasha bowled another tight over going for 5. They retired and Ryan and Alexander came to the crease and they found it tricky to get above the required rate, although ran well. Danyal's third over was much tighter and only went for 7 meaning 26 were needed off two. With wides and no-balls re-bowled in the last two overs, Sasha turned to the normally reliable Shankar who had a bit of a horror over with 2 of his balls going for 7 wides overall. However he bowled Alexander bringing Leonie in. Needing 16 off the last over, Sasha kept his cool and went for 7 off the first 4 balls. A dot followed, meaning 9 needed, and Leonie couldn't get it away. Ryan went for the run anyway and ended up run out by Fynn to leave Zurich as champions!

Conclusions



The winning Zurich team

Zurich went one better than their last tournament managing to retain the trophy even when facing some excellent competition from Basel. What impressed most was they kept their heads up even when panic threatened.

Sasha added an aggressive side to his batting, hitting 4 sixes in the competition and finished on 116 runs. There were runs all of the way down the order with Danyal, Shankar, Avneet, Austin, Ben and Andreas all retiring at least once. In total the batting (and always batting first) meant Zurich finished the two days with 643 runs in 60 overs. It was great to see the fluency building in the team over the weekend, with some ground out few balls at the start

giving way to more confident shots. Zurich also produced the top four high scores with Sasha 44* and 41*, Avneet 38* and Danyal 37. Sasha was awarded the batsman of the tournament.

In matches for Zurich, Shankar, Danyal and Andreas all took three wickets. Even if wickets weren't falling, there was some very tight bowling with a number of maidens, including Alexander's first. Ben had some very cheap overs and took two wickets. Special note should be made for Andreas who only played three matches for Zurich, playing a match for Basel against Luxembourg where he took three wickets for 2 runs and he was awarded the Bowler of the tournament.

The bowlers were very well supported in the field, with stumpings, catches and direct hits as well as important stops. Fynn's keeping continues to improve and stopped a number of balls, especially good when Danyal was at full pace. Danyal and Sasha did good jobs sharing the captaincy and were positive, supportive and made some inspiring bowling and fielding changes. Vignesh (BDJCC) was awarded fielder of the tournament for his impressive number of run outs and Katie (Gingins) awarded the Spirit of Cricket for coming back from injury.

Many thanks to 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 Alexander, Avneet, Andreas and Austin for all putting in stints playing for other teams. Lastly thanks to Nigel and Ivan for scoring and Baljit for coaching.

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

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Statistics

Names with a * include best "fourth" match for another team as they only had three matches with Zurich.

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Alexander*	8.60	-	-	2.80	5-1-43-0
Andreas*	6.27	7.83	7.50	0.80	7.3-1-47-6
Austin*	8.17	-	-	1.33	6-0-49-0
Avneet*	8.14	57.00	42.00	2.86	7-0-57-1
Ben	8.38	33.50	24.00	2.75	8-0-67-2
Danyal	6.09	22.33	22.00	3.09	11-0-67-3
Sasha	4.44	20.00	27.00	0.67	9-0-40-2
Shankar	4.43	10.33	14.00	2.57	7-1-31-3

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*	4.0	8	38
Andreas*	24.5	49	163
Austin*	23.5	47	131
Avneet*	50.0	50	132
Ben	16.0	32	82
Danyal	42.5	85	181
Fynn	4.0	12	71
Sasha	116.0	116	219
Shankar	41.5	83	141

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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