

Basel Indoor U11 Report

2 & 3 February 2019

The second of the two indoor tournaments is hosted by Basel, at the Margarethenhalle (Saturday) and Pfaffenholz (Sunday). Teams from Luxembourg, Basel, Zurich and a combined Cossonay/Gingins side competed for the trophy. The format was an 8-a-side, 15 overs round robin competition. Zurich arrived hoping to retain the trophy they won the year before. Zurich were joined for the first three games by Anakait from GRYCC.

Match 1: Luxembourg Leos

ZCCC U11 153-0 (Fynn 20, Dhruv 20*; Prakhar 0-7) bt Luxembourg Leos U11 70-6 (Nicky 6, Dhufi 6*; Anakait 2-8; Andreas 1-2) by 83 runs*

The first match was against a Luxembourg development side, with players new to cricket. All sides were asked to reverse their batting order, as well as give the younger players more overs. Zurich batted first with Faizan (4*) and Vedant (6*) excited to open the batting. Vedant got bat on ball on the first ball and found the wall, but lack of experience meant he didn't go for the run. Faizan did similar, and went on to get the first "run-run", with Vedant following soon after. Both retired soon after on balls faced. Dhruv and Fynn came in, and although both U9s, having more experience in tournaments. Both went on to retire at a good strike rate bringing Anakait (6*) and Austin (12*) to the crease. Anakait faced a testing over from Sean and couldn't connect, but did manage in the next over. Austin continued his form from Gingins and they saw out the overs to finish on 153 without losing a wicket.

Dhruv opened the bowling and found it difficult with his line, and Sean and Prakhar showing good batting for such beginners. Andreas brought himself on for the next over and Prakhar found it difficult to get his turning off-breaks away. Avneet struck in Vedant's over running out Sean. Avneet also struggled with his line, the changing of pitch lengths towards the new ECB guidance seeming to throw him off. Anakait struck in his first over bowling Rithick. Prakhar didn't find Austin's leggies any easier than the offies. Faizan bowled a great first over with 4 dot balls (the U9s able to bowl from 17yd pitch), and Dhruv followed up with a maiden. Andreas struck first ball of his over with Nicky chipping the ball and Avneet taking a difficult catch over his shoulder. Avneet couldn't stay out of the action running out Owen off Faizan's bowling, and Faizan then had Matty caught by... Avneet! Anakait bowled the last over, and had Naman bowled first ball, but the Leo's batted sensibly to see out the full complement of overs.

Match 2: Cossonay/Gingins

ZCCC U11 128-5 (Austin 26, Avneet 21*, Fynn 20*; Erik 2-23, Dev 1-9) bt Cossonay/Gingins 127-6 (Erik 22*, Michael 20; Austin 1-14, Faizan 1-8) by 1 run.*

Andreas won the toss and elected to bat first. He and Avneet opened the batting and got going well, with the score 20 after two overs. Erik came on to bowl his leg-breaks and

Andreas (8) chased one down the leg side and was caught behind off the glove. No such worries for Austin or Avneet who both batted sensibly and powerfully, including a 6 from Austin! Fynn continued his form and while not as easy, batted cleverly and went on to retire with a 6! Dhruv (3) didn't last long, chipping Noah to Michael. Anakait still looked a little rusty, before getting run out by Dev. Vedant (2) found the higher quality of bowling and fielding tougher and ended up bowled by Dev, and Faizan ended up stumped off Erik. Austin and Avneet were reunited at the crease and pushed the score onto 128-5.

Andreas opened the bowling and the team lucked out on the third ball with Michael calling for the run, and Dev just leaving his ground as Michael took it, and Avneet running him out. Michael and Aryan consolidated against improved bowling from the first game, with Michael going on to retire. Avneet was next to strike, with the score on 48, Aryan drove him and took on the run. The ball bounced off the wall at the perfect angle to come back to Avneet who ran him out. Austin then had Nicky caught behind. With the required rate climbing, Andreas brought himself on to try and force a result, but went wicketless, although only going for 6 runs. The RRPO now climbed above 12. Faizan bowled Aiden around his legs, but Erik and Noah started to run well. With Andreas unable to bowl, Avneet took the 14th over, and a wide and a no ball plus determined batting meant Cossonay/Gingins required 2 runs to win off the last. Andreas turned to Austin and Noah couldn't get the ball away, and took on a run off the 4th ball, but Fynn ran Fin out. This brought Michael back with two balls to face. Another dot ball. All around hearts were pounding, but not Austin who calmly delivered another great ball, and Michael could only hit it back to Avneet who calmly under armed to Austin at the stumps and he affected the run out giving Zurich a 1 run win!

ZCCC Player of the Match: Austin for his nerveless maiden to win the match

Match 3: Luxembourg

ZCCC U11 183-1 (Avneet 22, Andreas 21*, Austin 21*; Anirudth 1-37) bt Luxembourg U11 107-5 (Thomas 20*, Anirudth 17; Avneet 1-13, Andreas 1-15) by 76 runs*

The next day, play moved to the larger Pfaffenholz hall. Austin won the toss and elected to bat. Avneet and Andreas both started with slightly uppish shots, but both recovered and put on a display of brutal batting. Andreas retired off 7 balls, having scored off every ball and Avneet off 9, facing only two dots, and the fifty coming up in the third over. Austin and Fynn came in and kept the runs coming, although at a slightly less frenetic rate. They both went on to retire. Dhruv and Anakait looked in much better form and took on a number of "2s" in the larger hall, before Anakait (15) missed a straight one from Anirudth. Vedant also found the extra space enjoyable, and felt confident pulling and running and he (9*) and Dhruv (19*) saw out the overs to give Zurich 183-1.

Avneet and Dhruv opened the bowling well, putting pressure on which saw Andreas running out Salai on the last ball of the second over. The spinners bowled accurately, although Austin was a bit over enthusiastic with a run out attempt to give a 5 off his own bowling. Anakait, with confidence from his batting, bowled a maiden with only runs coming from byes. Thomas and Anirudth manage to play Dhruv much better, and took runs before Vedant ran

out Anirudh off Avneet's bowling. Vedant was in the action for the next wicket, having Oskar caught by Avneet. Avneet then broke a partnership between Sebastian and Carl Philippe (after Thomas' retirement), bowling Sebastian in a wicket maiden. With the last over, Andreas had Nilay stumped by Fynn and Luxembourg finished on 107-5.

ZCCC PotM: Fynn for his keeping and batting

Match 4: Basel Dragons

ZCCC U11 127-6 (Fynn 34, Austin 13; Sai 2-24, Anhad 1-12) bt BDJCC U11 124 all out (Sai 22, Connor 20*; Dhruv 2-21, Raiyan 1-8) by 1 wicket.*

Once again, the U11 title came down to a final between Basel and Zurich. Connor won the toss for Basel and elected to bat. Facing some of the stronger batsmen in the tournament, Andreas kept Connor and Sai relatively quiet to give away 7 runs. Aggressive running and good batting saw Austin, Avneet all getting hit, with Sai lofting Austin for 6 and going on to retire. Connor also retired in a customarily quick fire innings, bringing Pratyush and Vignesh to the crease. Dhruv struck with the last ball of the 7th over having Vignesh caught by Avneet (again!). Avneet followed this up by bowling a maiden to Pratyush and Anhad with only byes being taken. Anhad was then run out by Dhruv off Vedant's bowling before Raiyan (replacing Anakait in the side) had Chris caught and bowled. Dhruv then bowled a wicket maiden having Pratyush caught by Austin. Runs started to dry up with U9s at the crease, but they took to Andreas' last over, working the ball well to score 12 from it. They found Austin hard to get away and Harry ended up run out by Avneet. This brought Connor back, and he could only pad the ball down and went for the run, and Avneet ran out Alex. With one ball left, the field was pushed back to Sai and he obliged chipping Austin to Avneet on the boundary to finish on 124 all out.

Needing 8.33 an over to win, Avneet and Andreas got off to a good start, assisted by some wayward bowling and hard running and finished the first over on 15 runs. Sai frustrated Andreas who couldn't find the fluency in the earlier game, and then bowled Avneet (6). Austin and he worked hard in Connor's second over, swapping 3s and 2s, and even took a 5 in Sai's second, but it didn't last with Austin chipping Sai to Connor. Fynn got off to a good start again Pratyush, but Andreas (10) skipped down to the leg-spinner and was out stumped. Dhruv (0) fell next ball to a run out and suddenly the 72 runs needed looked a steep mountain with the top order batsmen out. Sniffing victory, Connor brought himself back on for his last over but Fynn and Vedant carefully and sensibly played, blocking the good balls and running when they could. Fynn then hit Pratyush for consecutive boundaries and retired bringing Raiyan in for his first batting performance in months. He and Vedant navigated the next couple of overs sensibly until Vedant was bowled by Anhad. Running out of front line bowlers, Connor had to turn to the U9s, and extras kept the scoreboard ticking, although Alex bowled Faizan (0). This brought Fynn back for the last wicket stand, needing 29 runs off the last four. Connor brought Sai back on and Raiyan and Fynn showed immense maturity, including Fynn turning down a run off the last ball to ensure the strike in the next. Pratyush couldn't winkle him out, and Raiyan kept the ball out too. With two overs to go, 13 runs were needed and Anhad came on the bowl his last over. Fynn got him away

for 3, and then called for 3 byes and finished the over with a 2 to take the strike. 5 needed from the last over. Fynn on strike. And Connor had no choice who to bowl as Harry hadn't yet bowled an over. The U9 bowled straight, and Fynn worked him away for 2. Raiyan did the same the next ball and scores were level with 4 to come. The balcony were screaming "Fynn just hit the wall", and cool as a cucumber he drove the ball for three. The team mobbed him as they had retained the Basel U11 trophy!

ZCCC PotM: Fynn for keeping a cool head and displaying maturity beyond his years to win the game with the bat and with it the tournament

Conclusions



The winning ZCCC side (minus Anakait)

This season has been a formative one for ZCCC U11s with 5 players having moved on to U13s, and players having to step up. They showed great spirit and grit to get over the line in two very close, last over matches. In particular Fynn's management of the tail and batting overall added to his ever improving keeping to see out a strong Basel team.

The batting was excellent, with runs from all the players. It was pleasing to see the youngest players grow in confidence and get runs, for Dhruv to step on from his first indoor tournament in the Autumn. The senior players showed what they can do, particularly against Luxembourg, but displayed some over exuberance against Basel, all getting themselves out. The standout player however was Fynn. He not only showed his batting ability but smart calling and running, particularly with the tail to win the tournament.

The bowling was also strong with wickets being shared around. Dhruv, Austin, Andreas, Anakait and Faizan all took two wickets a piece. Andreas and Anakait were particularly niggardly with economies of under 6. The shorter pitch length brought Vedant in too, and he

picked up a wicket. Austin's match winning maiden against Cossonay/Gingins was probably the stand out, and although Avneet only had one wicket, he applied pressure with 2 maidens.

For young captains it was a learning experience on field placement, but over the weekend the three of them worked together well to get a good field in the last game, with Avneet in particular keeping a cool head. Avneet in particular seemed to have magnetic hands, taking catches and effecting run outs. Not shown in the scorecard were the number of balls he intercepted to ensure a dot. Behind the stumps, Fynn continues to go from strength to strength with catches, stumpings and fewer byes. For this and his batting he was awarded the all-rounder/fielding trophy.

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Position	Team	Points
1	Zurich Crickets	24
2	Basel	19
3	Cossonay/Gingins	14
4	Luxembourg	9
5	Luxembourg Leos	4

Statistics

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Anakait*	5.83	17.50	12.00	3.00	6-1-35-2
Andreas	5.45	30.00	33.00	0.55	11-1-60-2
Austin	6.36	35.00	33.00	1.27	11-1-70-2
Avneet	6.64	73.00	66.00	3.09	11-2-73-1
Dhruv	7.22	32.50	27.00	1.11	9-2-65-2
Faizan	7.00	17.50	15.00	1.20	5-0-35-2
Raiyan	8.00	8.00	6.00	8.00	1-0-8-1
Vedant	6.33	38.00	36.00	3.44	6-0-38-1

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
Anakait*	13.5	27	71
Andreas	19.5	39	163
Austin	72.0	72	185
Avneet	49.0	49	189
Dhruv	21.0	42	131
Faizan	2.0	4	21
Fynn	-	94	177
Raiyan	-	9	50
Vedant	8.5	17	43

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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