

# ZCCC in GRYCC Summer Cup U13 Tournament Report

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After a hiatus in competitive cricket due to COVID-19, GRYCC hosted teams at Bout-du-Monde again for a spring version of the Romande Cup. Teams from Basel Dragons, Gingins, a combined GRYCC and Cossonay and Zurich Crickets competed. The format was 18 overs with a round-robin followed by a final between the top two teams.



## Match 1: GRYCC / Cossonay

ZCCC 89-6 (Fynn 16\*, Reetabrata 16; Noah 3-6, Hassan 1-10) bt GRYCC / Cossonay 88-5 (Hassan 22\*, Rasesh 10; Vishesh 1-2, Andreas 1-3) by 4 wickets

With COVID restrictions favouring back to back matches, the Crickets had a mid-afternoon start against a combined GRYCC and Cossonay side. Avneet won the toss and chose to field first. He and George opened the bowling, and the two quicks kept the run rate down with only one run coming from the bat. After their opening overs, the captain moved to spin and the change worked quickly with Andreas bowling Noah. Austin followed up the next over having Aiden stumped after some quick glovework from Fynn. GRYCC / Cossonay consolidated and Hassan hit four boundaries to retire. Vishesh struck next, bowling Rasesh after he also hit two fours. George got back into the action, running out Anikait with a direct hit and then bowling Shehryaar. GRYCC / Cossonay saw off the last couple of overs to post 88-5.

Both George and Avneet were watchful in the first over, trading singles. However, Anikait's left-arm over angle did for George who was bowled. Avneet started to motor though hitting

the last ball of the over for four. The fours started to flow with Austin getting into the action too. Sadly Avneet (15) did not last, missing a straight one from Hassan. Andreas (1) couldn't time one and chipped Noah to Rasesh. Austin (14) fell two balls later, looking to hit Noah but missing the ball and being bowled. All of sudden the Crickets were 35-4 and running out of hitters. Reeta and Fynn looked to rebuild with Fynn playing the anchor role, and Reeta hitting out. Reeta sped along, with one six before Noah again struck. Nishith (2) fell soon after, trapped in front by Rasesh and suddenly it was very nervous with 29 runs needed in the remaining 8 overs. Fortunately Ishaan and Fynn stuck to their task and accumulated runs with Fynn retiring. Vishesh and Ishaan continued in the same vein, and with four runs needed Ishaan (4) also retired bringing out Alfie. A wide closed the gap to two runs, and Vishesh squeezed a ball out and both ran hard to get over the line!

## Match 2: Gingins

ZCCC 101-1 (Avneet 23\*, Austin 20\*; Michael 1-22, Isa 0-5) bt Gingins 100-4 (Owen 16\*, Erik 12\*, Isa 12; Ishaan 1-8, George 1-11, Austin 1-14) by 8 wickets

George again opened the innings well, bowling a maiden. Avneet looked to change the bowling order and some tight bowling from Reeta and Nishith saw the pressure build and Ayan could only chip Ishaan to Avneet. Erik and Ciaran dug in, showing great application as Avneet rotated the bowlers looking for the breakthrough. It didn't come until the 15th over, after Erik, Ciaran and Owen all retired. Patrick looked well set to get a good score but top edged a ball from Austin which Fynn had to move quickly to collect. Sam played around a straight one from George and the quick scoring Isa was run out off the last ball to give Gingins exactly 100.

The reply started quickly with Avneet hitting the second ball to the boundary, and the brutality continued with consecutive fours off Owen. George also found the third man boundary to race the team along to 32 off the first three. Another four and Avneet retired off only 11 balls. Austin kept up with the hitting, while George provided a good anchor, batting nicely and going at just under a run a ball. Austin hit the ball hard including a straight four. He sped along (15 balls) to a retirement, bringing Andreas out. After a lofted on-drive for four, Andreas tried to smash Michael and missed, bringing up the only ZCCC wicket. Reeta had already shown that he could hit the ball, and hit two crunching fours as well as a straight six that hit the scoreboard. A bye brought George on strike with two needed and sadly it was a no ball to finish the match.

## Match 3: Basel Dragons

ZCCC 112-7 (Avneet 21\*, Andreas 20\*, George 3-9, Pratyush 2-17) bt BDJCC 111-6 (Pratyush 21\*, Vignesh 18\*; Andreas 3-15, Reeta 1-5) by 2 wickets

Overnight calculations showed that aside from ZCCC, the other teams were all on one win apiece, which meant that if ZCCC beat Basel in the final round-robin match, the second final place would come down to net run rate. Avneet lost the toss but was happy to be asked to field with heavy dew for the 08:00 start. Avneet returned to the tried and tested bowling order. George was tight and economical, but on Avneet's first over a freak accident happened with Connor inside edging a ball straight onto the bony part of his knee. In a lot of pain, he had to be carried off. Lasse and the incoming Vignesh started to find their rhythm and used the pace to good effect. Andreas came on to tighten things up and it worked with Lasse looking to slog him over mid wicket, but missed and was trapped in front. The incoming Pratyush was in no mood to hang around and he and Vignesh upped the scoring rate again against the spinners. Pratyush retired quickly, and Sai came in. Then Ishaan found the breakthrough once more bowling Sai. Alfie had George caught by Nishith at backward square, before Reeta bowled Aaron. Connor bravely hobbled back to the crease with Vignesh as a runner, but the lack of movement told and he outside edged Andreas to Reeta at backward point. Andreas finished the innings off, bowling Neil to give Basel Dragons 111 runs.

Avneet and George got underway with singles and twos, before Avneet started to find his rhythm and hit consecutive boundaries. He then went on to drive Sai for a straight six and retired off only 10 balls! Austin took his time to get in, but at the other end George (4) nicked Pratyush behind. Andreas looked to get a full batting innings in, and was helped on his second ball with an overthrow going to the boundary to give him 5 runs! He and Austin ran hard. Austin also hit the ball hard with a boundary coming and then a six. Andreas also retired with a straight drive for four. Reeta and Fynn came together and once again Reeta was in attacking form, making a quick fire 14 before hitting Pratyush to George. Fynn found scoring tough but managed to clip one away to the square leg boundary before being bowled by Neil. At this point, the run rate was 7.5 an over. Some quick calculations showed that Basel needed the game to go to the 14th over to be sure to make it through to the final on run rate. Basel kept at it with their best bowlers to try to keep the game live for as long as possible. Vishesh was run out, and George ran through the lower order, bringing Avneet and Austin back, but critically for them it was in the 16th over. The pair calmly saw the team home for an undefeated round-robin phase.

## Final: Basel Dragons

BDJCC 103-6 (Vignesh 20\*, Sai 20\*; Andreas 2-19, Nishith 1-2) bt ZCCC 88 a.o. (Avneet 20\*, Reeta 12; George 2-1, Neil 1-3) by 15 runs

There was a small delay while CricHQ calculated the new standings and confirmed that Basel Dragons had done enough to beat GRYCC/Cossonay's NRR by 0.2. ZCCC were asked to field once again and it got off to a fantastic start with Lasse skying George high in the air for Austin to grab. Vignesh in particular took a liking to Avneet's second over with three boundaries scored. Vignesh retired, bringing Pratyush to the crease and some lightning fielding by Reeta and Fynn saw him run out. Sai retired shortly after and then the Crickets were able to exert some control with Anikait (on loan from GRYCC), Reeta, Nishith, Ishaan all bowling accurately. Nishith saw the back of Rasesh (on loan from GRYCC), having him stumped with some quick glovework from Fynn. Hassan looked to go big hitting one six off Alfie but he struck the next ball having him caught by brother George at mid-wicket. Andreas finished off the innings, getting two-in-two off the last two balls meaning that the Crickets had to chase 103.

The chase did not get started well with George unlucky to be given out caught behind. However Avneet raced to retirement with 3 fours and a six off consecutive balls. Knowing the power of the side, the field was put back and the Crickets only needed just over 5 an over. Unfortunately neither Austin (7) or Andreas (2) adapted and both got out trying to hit big shots. Reeta managed to get into double figures with a couple of boundaries but was out caught. Fynn and Anikait struggled to up the scoring rate against some tight bowling, and with the required rate climbing, Fynn (5) holed out to Sai off Neil, and Anikait (2) chipped George to Aaron. Neither Vishith nor Nishith could stick around and it brought Ishaan and Alfie to the crease. Both looked to run hard, and the highlight was Alfie (6) pulling a ball for four before being bowled by Sid. This brought Avneet in with one over left and 16 needed to win. Ishaan was given instructions to get the single, as if anyone could chase 15 off 5, it was Avneet. Sai however bowled the perfect ball and bowled Ishaan (7) to finish off the game and give Basel Dragons the trophy!

## Conclusions

Zurich Crickets dominated the weekend up until the critical moment in the final, where the power hitting didn't work. Having just got over the line against GRYCC / Cossonay in a similar situation, it should be a good lesson for the disappointed team that there are different ways to win.

The batting was at times brutal, with the top order capable of strike rates over 100. George played the perfect anchor role, and was unlucky not to score more. Austin and newcomer Reeta displayed big hitting but no-one could match Avneet who scored 79 runs at a strike rate of 198! While not able to compete with the scoring, the lower order showed stability when it was needed and helped bail the team out on one occasion.

The bowling was solid and ensured that the team was always chasing gettable totals. George and Avneet led the way with quick seam and Ishaan, Nishith, Vishesh and Reeta all bowled accurately and picked up deserved wickets. Andreas was his usual metronomic self (only bowling one wide the whole tournament) and finished the tournament with 6 wickets at an average of 8.00.

The fielding was inconsistent, with half of the team new to tournament cricket but importantly they improved over the course of the weekend. Behind the stumps, Fynn was a little rusty too but also improved, finishing his weekend with an all important stumping! The team showed great spirit throughout the event, cheering on each other's successes as well as supporting when things didn't go well.

Many thanks to Bijit and the rest of GRYCC for organising a great tournament and making the perfect way to restart the season. Many thanks also to Baljit and Ivan for coaching the team. Congratulations to Basel Dragons for taking the trophy, especially as they were missing one of their gun players. Zurich Crickets look forward to resuming the rivalry in Zuoz!

Final standings:

Position	Team
1	Basel Dragons
2	Zurich Crickets
3	GRYCC / Cossonay
4	Gingins

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## Statistics

\* includes performances for Basel

### Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Alfie	7.25	14.50	12.00		4-0-29-2
Andreas	4.00	8.00	12.00		12-1-48-6
Austin	6.30	31.50	30.00		10-0-63-2
Avneet	6.00	-	-		9-0-54-0
George	4.17	16.67	20.00		12-1-50-3
Ishaan	5.67	17.00	18.00		6-0-34-2
Nishith	4.00	20.00	30.00		5-0-20-1
Reeta	5.00	40.00	48.00		8-1-40-1
Vishesh	6.50	26.00	24.00		4-0-26-1

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
Alfie	3.00	6	29
Andreas	9.33	28	100
Austin	30.00	60	102
Avneet	79.00	69	198
Fynn	13.00	26	62
George	7.67	23	72
Ishaan	6.00	12	32
Nishith	1.33	4	40
Reeta	19.33	58	145
Vishesh	3.00	6	46

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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

## Fielding

<b>Fielder</b>	<b>Catches</b>	<b>Stumpings</b>	<b>Run outs</b>
Austin	1		
Avneet	1		
Fynn	1	2	2
Nishith	1		1
Reeta	1		1