

# ZCCC in Zuoz U15 Tournament Report

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After having to skip the Zuoz Festival of Cricket in 2020, it was a relief to be back this year. Beautiful weather was forecast and three teams converged to play for the U15 trophy. Basel Dragons were joined by two players from Cossonay, Gingins by one and Zurich Crickets with two from GRYCC. They played each other twice in 23 or 22 over games.



The team before play started in picturesque Zuoz

## Match 1: Gingins

ZCCC/GRYCC 145-5 (Sasha 25\*, Danyal 17\*; James 3-13, Louis 2-15) bt Gingins 105-5 (Alexander 19, James 18; Nevzad 1-6, Arya 1-9) by 37 runs

Alexander won the toss for Gingins and elected to field. Shankar joined Sasha as opener to face Thomas (Cossonay). Everyone was surprised at how bouncy the pitch was and both batters found it difficult to get bat on ball, but with no balls and sharp running managed to get the scoreboard moving. Shankar was the first to get on the board with a 2 off Louis but he fell a few balls later top edging him to the keeper. Gianluca came back for his first tournament since injury and looked in good form with an on drive for 2. At the other end, Sasha



started to find the rhythm, cutting and pulling anything short but also unfurling a well timed cover drive for 4. The pair ran hard and put on a 42 run partnership before Sasha retired. Danyal continued the hard running with Gianluca. Gianluca opened his account with a beautiful on-drive for 2, and they both found the boundary. With Zurich looking comfortable, Gingins took pace off and it worked almost immediately with James bowling Gianluca (14). Arya and Danyal continued the good running, with three taken off a straight drive. Unfortunately Danyal had to retire hurt after pulling a muscle in his side. Alex kept up the good running and started to accelerate with Alex smacking one through the cover boundary. The return of Louis saw the end of Arya (14) bowled, and James struck in the last over bowling Alex and then Dhruv the next ball! The hat-trick ball was not taken cleanly by the keeper and Nevzad (2) and Paarth (0) took the bye and a single to finish on 145-5.

Danyal opened the bowling, and due to the injury bowled within himself. As a result he was very accurate and his first over was a maiden. Gingins managed to get Nevzad for a couple of runs, but he struck in the fourth when Harris chipped him to Dhruv. Then followed 5 overs of tight cricket with Louis and Alexander playing carefully. Unfortunately the Zurich bowlers suffered from the bouncy pitch too and several no-balls and wides kept the scoreboard ticking. Shankar and Arya tightened things up, and with Louis retiring, Arya struck bowling Rory. Jeremie and Alexander continued in a watchful way until Alexander retired. James joined Jeremie and he immediately started to up the scoring rate, hitting back to back fours. However the required rate was still creeping up. On the brink of retirement, Jeremie was run out by a Shankar direct hit, and Sasha threw the ball to Paarth for the last over. It worked with James holing out to Arya and then Arya running out Saurav on the last ball of the innings.

## Match 2: Basel Dragons / Cossonay

ZCCC/GRYCC 90-8 (Alex 16\*, Sasha 12; Jai 4-7, Laila 2-12) bt BDJCC/Cossonay 89-9 (Simul 13, Jai 7; Paarth 3-7, Shankar 1-9) by 2 wickets

This time Sasha won the toss and chose to field first. Two ZCCC U13s joined the teams to make it 11-a-side, with Avneet joining Basel / Cossonay. Danyal and Nevzad opened the bowling again and were again very accurate with both the 5th and 6th overs being maidens. Shankar and Arya took up the mantle and kept it up for the next two. Both then suddenly seemed affected by the wind and went for 7 each, but dragged it back for the next, with Shankar bowling Jai. George went on to retire an over later, with the score only having moved by one. Simul looked to attack but fell after skying Dhruv to Gianluca. Laila was run out after some tight fielding by Nevzad and Sasha. The dangerous Charlie chipped Badri to Shankar. With only a few overs left, things started to move quickly and Paarth had Ryan stumped, Paarth was caught off Andreas and then Paarth finished it off with Aayush stumped and the big hitting Avneet hitting the ball straight to Arya at deep square leg. Basel Dragons/Cossonay finished on 89-9.

The innings got off brightly with a pulled boundary off Charlie but a mix up saw Shankar (1) run out by a direct hit from Simul at mid off. Sasha found the boundary off another short ball but fell soon after, trapped in front by Parth. Dhruv and Alex steadied the ship however, with hard won singles and twos. They both went on to retire, which brought about chaos. Arya (0) was bowled by Jai, and Paarth (0) went in the same way three balls later. At the other end,

the other slower bowler, Laila got into the act too with Badri (1) chipping to Jai and then Danyal (0) inside edging to the keeper George. Gianluca and Andreas looked unperturbed though and got the score to level, with Gianluca hitting consecutive straight fours. Andreas (4) fell within touching distance of winning, which brought Alex back for a scrambled run to get the team over the line!

### Match 3: Gingins

ZCCC / GRYCC 130-4 (Shankar 30\*, Sasha 29\*; Louis 2-14, James 1-16) lost to Gingins 131-3 (Louis 31\*, Thomas 26\*; Shankar 1-19, Paarth 1-21) by 6 wickets



The following morning saw a schedule the same as the previous, but with matches shortened by an over for timekeeping reasons. Louis won the toss for Gingins and again asked Zurich to bat. Danyal joined Sasha and the pair got away quickly, with Sasha in particular timing the ball well. The pair brought up the 50-run partnership before Sasha retired. Shankar came to the middle and immediately got underway. Unfortunately Danyal (8) couldn't push on and chipped Louis to Thomas. James did for Gianluca (1) again, bowling him. Shankar had no such issues and pulled him for a 6 over square. Arya couldn't score as quickly but provided a good running partner. Shankar brought up his retirement and the 100 runs with another six. Nevzad and Arya continued to push on the score with ones and twos and Arya (10) retired. Alex (3) stayed with Nevzad until Nevzad (6) was bowled, and Dhruv (0) was caught by Jeremie off Thomas with two balls to go. The final score was 130-4.

The Gingins openers came out with intent and quickly scored. Danyal wasn't as accurate as the previous day and the pace meant the ball flew away. The pair also put on a 50-run partnership before Paarth struck, having Alexander stumped with some quick work from Sasha. Shankar struck soon after, having Jeremie caught behind. Nevzad bowled Harris without scoring, but Thomas and James (Louis having retired) took full advantage of some sloppy fielding and both scored quickly and brought up the win with 2 overs to go.

### Match 4: Basel Dragons / Cossonay

ZCCC / GRYCC 108-8 (Arya 23\*, Dhruv 21\*; Charlie 4-9, Parth 2-18) bt BDJCC / Cossonay 82 a.o. (Parth 19, Simul 12; Dhruv 3-5, Shankar 1-0) by 25 runs

With 2 wins and one loss under the belt for both teams, the final match was an effective final for the trophy. Charlie won the toss and inserted the Zurich / GRYCC team. It didn't start well with Danyal (0) out the first ball he faced, bowled by a swinging delivery from Parth. Shankar (1) couldn't channel the form of the morning and top edged a ball to Simul at fine leg. There was a brief moment of calm as Gianluca and Sasha managed to score some runs but Sasha (9) was soon gone to a ball that straightened off the seam from Charlie, taking the leading edge back to the bowler. Alex (0) was caught at backward point two balls later, and then Gianluca (4) was trapped in front by Parth. Suddenly the team were 16-5 after only 4.1 overs! Basel weren't done there and had Badri (2) caught off Charlie's last over. Unsurprisingly, Basel / Cossonay were cock-a-hoop, but Arya and Dhruv had something left

to give. They batted for the next 14 overs, going very circumspectly at first but gradually increasing their intent before Arya ended up run out with 5 balls to go. Nevzad smacked his first ball for 4, and followed up by two twos. Unfortunately, Fynn lost his line a bit and bowled 3 wides to help Zurich past 100 and he picked up Nevzad's (8) wicket with the last ball of the innings. Zurich / GRYCC finished on 108-8.

After a rousing speech from the coach, the team felt if they bowled and fielded well, they had a sniff of winning. The required rate was just under 5, and Danyal and Nevzad opened tidily. The first strike was Nevzad bowling the perfect googly through Jai's gate, trimming the off bail. Parth and Aayush consolidated but the rate was still under what was required. Shankar had Aayush caught by Arya and Alex had Ryan caught by Dhruv. The dangerous Simul came out and hit a four early on. The team went up (a little too enthusiastically) for a diving leg-side take by Sasha, but the umpire couldn't be sure there was bat or



glove involved. Basel consolidated and the required rate started to drop before Gianluca had Parth bowled. Dhruv struck a few balls later, bowling Simul and Charlie in the same over. Laila slipped while running and was run out by Alex and Badri. Needing exactly 6 an over, Fynn tried to score but under-edged a ball to a diving Sasha. With the run rate climbing George tried to hit Paarth over the field but could only pick out Arya to finish the game!

## Conclusions

While the team had been dominant in Geneva, this weekend showed some grit. Some uncharacteristic sloppiness meant chances weren't taken but the team managed to come back from some tough situations to win the trophy.



The batting had to show some resilience after a number of collapses, with Arya, Dhruv and Alex all contributing to middle order resistance. Gianluca looked in good touch in his first event back from injury. Shankar had a rare off-weekend but when he fired, he scored well. Sasha's form continued to improve and was particularly happy to play off the back foot, cutting and pulling a number of boundaries to finish as the tournament's leading run scorer.

The bowlers had to adjust to the very bouncy pitch and when they did they bowled well to contain. Unfortunately they weren't as supported in the field as usual, as evidenced in the second match against Gingins. Although wicketless, Danyal was very accurate and bowled three maidens. Nevzad showed what a quality spinner he is with the lowest economy and three wickets, and Dhruv stepped up in the "final" to finish with four. Once again, Paarth finished as the team's leading wicket taker with accuracy and pace-off forcing the batters to play shots.

The fielding wasn't of the standard the team usually produces, with a number of dropped catches and misfields. Arya finished with 4 catches (which could have been more!) and a run out. Sasha was clean behind the stumps and quick glove-work resulted in three stumpings.

Many thanks to the Lyceum Alpinum for hosting a great tournament. Many thanks also to Adrian and Yvan for coaching the team. Zurich Crickets look forward to resuming the rivalry in Embrach!

Final standings:

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

## Statistics

### Bowling

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>Economy</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Strike Rate</b>	<b>Analysis</b>
Alex	5.22	47.00	54.00	9-0-47-1
Andreas	4.00	4.00	6.00	1-0-4-1
Arya	3.82	42.00	66.00	11-0-42-1
Avneet	4.00	-	-	1-0-4-0
Badri	6.17	37.00	36.00	6-0-37-1
Danyal	4.42	-	-	12-3-53-0
Dhruv	5.00	8.75	10.50	7-1-35-4
Gianluca	8.43	29.50	21.00	7-0-59-2
Nevzad	3.17	12.67	24.00	12-2-38-3
Paarth	5.24	8.00	9.17	9.1-0-48-6
Shankar	3.21	15.50	29.00	9.4-2-31-2

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

<b>Batter</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Strike Rate</b>
Alex	14.5	29	51
Andreas	4.0	4	40
Arya	15.7	47	49
Avneet	0.0	0	0
Badri	1.5	3	30
Danyal	6.3	25	58
Dhruv	14.5	29	58
Gianluca	9.3	28	68
Nevzad	5.3	16	100
Paarth	0.0	0	0
Sasha	37.5	75	90
Shankar	11.7	35	74

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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

## Fielding

Fielder	Catches	Stumpings	Run outs
Alex			1
Arya	4		1
Dhruv	3		
Gianluca	1		
Nevzad			1
Sasha	2	3	
Shankar	2		1