

Romande Cup U11 Report

30 September 2017

The first club competition of the season is the Romande Cup. The U11 event was again hosted by Cossonay. Cossonay (with Conner from Basel Dragons), Gingins (with Kai from La Chat) and Zurich Crickets played a round robin 20 over competition for the cup.

Match 1: Cossonay

ZCCC U11 132-6 (Sasha 22*, Shankar 17; Tom 2-14, Vignesh 1-19) bt Cossonay 97-6 (Ryan 16, Conner 13; Andreas 2-4, Sasha 1-6) by 35 runs

Pushing for an early start with rain forecast in the afternoon, ZCCC batted first against Cossonay who had just beaten Gingins in the first match. **Sasha** and **Danyal** got going quickly against Conner's bowling with Sasha finding the boundary once, and Danyal twice. Runs off the bat were harder to come by from Ryan, Nevzad and Medansh (who bowled a maiden). The pressure got to Danyal who skipped down to Tom and missed, and was stumped by Aiden. **Shankar** came in and was his usual aggressive self, getting to double figures quickly. Sasha retired with two more boundaries, this time behind square. This brought **Avneet** in for his first competition with Zurich. Scampering some singles he was run out on 4. With overs running out and Sasha ready to come back in, the lower order looked to force the pace resulting in some quick wickets with **Andreas** and **Ben** flickering. **Fynn** and **Mushaar** (on loan from Gingins) were last in and Mushaar holed out on the last ball off Vignesh's bowling to leave ZCCC on 132-6.

Sasha got the bowling off to a good start with Conner making a single off him. Danyal's first over was more wayward with a number of wides coming from the quick, and a boundary down to third man. Shankar tightened things up, as did the returning Sasha. Danyal's second was more accurate but by now the batsmen had their eye in and used the pace well. By the end of the sixth Cossonay were on 44-0. A change from pace to spin brought the breakthrough with Andreas' offspin. He bowled Connor through the gate with his first ball, and then did for Nevzad with an identical delivery next ball. Tom successfully blocked out the hattrick ball. Ben struggled for his line initially but tightened things up, and he and Andreas followed up with consecutive maidens (with two byes only keeping the scoreboard ticking over). Suddenly Cossonay were 35 runs behind ZCCC at the halfway mark. Avneet and Mushaar continued with the accurate bowling. Tom and Rodrigue both saw out ball after ball and ended up retiring on balls faced. Aiden was caught and bowled by Shankar before Sasha had Vignesh caught off the last ball of the match.

Match 2: Gingins

Match abandoned ZCCC U11 26-0 (Sasha 8*, Shankar 8*) after 3.1 ovs vs Gingins U11 79 all out (Kai 19*, Will 8; Danyal 3-18, Avneet 1-4)

Zurich were straight back into the field to face Gingins, and Sasha got things going with a maiden. Shankar then had Mushaar caught by Ben, and then (a much more accurate) Danyal bowled Zack. This brought some consolidation with the dangerous Kai and Katie in. Sasha came back for another maiden, and Andreas and Ben followed up with one each of their own. With the tight bowling, Gingins were on 26-3 after 9 overs. Avneet came on and was accurate and then had Katie caught by Sasha. Will got his innings going with a pick up shot from Tom (on loan from Cossonay) which sailed over the square leg boundary, but he didn't stay for long, ending up run out. Kai looked in great touch finding the boundary a number of times, and was stranded on 19 with Sasha and Danyal polishing off the tail.

With light rain starting, the second innings got underway quickly and Sasha and Shankar looked in great touch both finding the boundary once. Sadly the rain intensified and the players had to come off after 3.1 overs. With the forecast getting worse the match was abandoned.

Conclusion

Using a points system or the head-to-head, Zurich were declared winners of the trophy, with Cossonay second and Gingins third. Continuing their strong form, it was a strong team performance with everyone contributing.

The bowling was strong with 8 maidens bowled, and wickets from all around the team. Both Andreas and Danyal were a wicket away from a hat-trick. Ben showed some extra pace and great accuracy. Avneet bowled well in his first competitive match taking a wicket and bowling economically. Sasha and Shankar, as the old stagers, delivered a miserly performance with two wickets and maidens apiece. Two bowlers stood out - Danyal took the most wickets with his pace and inswinging yorkers. With some extra accuracy he will be devastating. Andreas turned in a fantastic performance with his off-spin, with two wickets with his first two balls and three maidens. It was him that dried up the run rate in both matches.

The fielding was also excellent, supporting the bowlers and cutting down the runs as well as affecting run outs and wickets. Fynn deserves special note keeping for 40 overs in the day for the first time. Still young he was fearless keeping to the quicks and kept byes down and stopping some wides.

Batting benefitted from a mowed outfield. Danyal and Shankar put on runs at a quick rate, finding the boundary regularly. Avneet did well in his first competitive showing. Sasha continued his form from the Leman Cup and made 30 runs without getting out, for the first time at quicker than a run a ball. As top scorer in the tournament he was awarded the best batsman prize.

Many thanks to Jon 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. Lastly thanks to Nigel for scoring and Baljit for coaching. Ryan of Cossonay was awarded best bowler and Kai of La Chat the best fielder.

Position	Team	Points
1	Zurich Crickets	3
2	Cossonay	2
3	Gingins	1

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Statistics

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Andreas	1.50	4.50	18.00	1.17	6-3-9-2
Avneet	3.75	15.00	24.00	3.00	4-0-15-1
Ben	3.40	17.00	30.00	1.60	5-2-17-1
Danyal	7.83	15.67	12.00	5.50	6-0-47-3
Sasha	1.63	6.50	24.00	0.50	8-2-13-2
Shankar	3.33	10.00	18.00	1.33	6-2-20-2

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

Batter	Average	Runs	Strike Rate
Andreas	2.0	2	20
Avneet	4.0	4	33
Ben	2.0	2	33
Danyal	11.0	11	79
Fynn	-	1	11
Sasha	-	30	120
Shankar	25.0	25	104

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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