

ZCCC in Summer Cup U15 Tournament Report

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With international travel still an issue, Zurich Crickets again hosted a tournament at the new pitch in Embrach. Basel Dragons, a combined Gingsins/GRYCC side joined the hosts for a two day event. They played each other twice in 22 over games.



The winning team on day 2

Match 1: Basel Dragons

ZCCC 121-0 (Avneet 30*, Sasha 30*; Lasse 0-7) bt BDJCC 120-5 (Sai 30*, Aayush 30*; Danyal 2-7, Shankar 1-15) by 10 wickets

Parth won the toss for the Dragons and chose to bat first, which the Crickets were happy with, given the soft and damp outfield. Danyal opened the bowling and was very tight. The U13 openers of Lasse and Connor took on their compatriot Andreas, but didn't account for the better fielding at U15 level, and Lasse was run out by a direct hit from keeper Sasha. Danyal struck the next over with Connor getting a fine edge to Sasha. Not having had game time the week before, Parth P and Aayush found it harder to get the timing and Danyal bowled a maiden. Arya and Shankar came on as first change, and Shankar struck having Parth bowled. Aayush started to find the middle however and pulled Shankar for six. Sai, at the other end also found the boundary, particularly over backward square. They put on an 80 run stand before Aayush retired. With only two overs left, Fynn was caught by Shankar off

Danyal and then Danyal had a direct hit to remove Simul. Pratush and Sashank saw off the last two balls to set 120-5.

The reply got underway well with Avneet finding the boundary in the first over. The slow outfield meant that running was the order of the day, and he and Sasha ran a total of 13 twos in their innings. Sasha retired first having put on an 82 run partnership, and Avneet followed a ball later. Shankar and Danyal continued in the same vein, with Shankar pulling two balls for four and they cantered to a 10 wicket win with 3.3 overs to go.



Match 2: Gingins/GRYCC

ZCCC 69-3 (Avneet 13*, Arya 13*; James 2-5, Alex D 1-7) bt Gingins/GRYCC 68 a.o. (Jenkyn 7, Harris 6*; Alex P 3-7, Avneet 1-1) by 7 wickets

After a heavily rain-affected previous match, the team's second match was shortened to fit into the available time for the day. Again the Crickets were asked to field. Danyal again started tightly, and Andreas struck with his second ball, when Rory popped the ball up to Shankar. With run rate pressure building, Alex D took on Avneet's arm, but he got the ball into Sasha to complete the run out, in a tidy Danyal over. Arya and Shankar took first change and kept things tight, with Shankar bowling Adarsh around his legs. Alex P got into the action with the first of three wickets having Hugo caught by Shankar, diving full stretch. Much the same thing happened in his next over, snaffling the wicket of James. Patrick was run out the next ball with Danyal getting the ball into Sasha, and the following ball Alex P bowled Jeremie. The next over, Sam could only pop the ball back to Avneet for a caught and bowled, and Alex P ran out Saurav the next over, leaving Gingins/GRYCC on 32-9 with 7 overs to go. Jenkyn and Harris however batted out the remaining overs carefully, with extras predominantly helping the score onto 68 when Jenkyn tried to hit out, but another full stretch dive from Shankar meant he was out.

With a modest total to chase, the batting order started with those that hadn't batted in the morning, with Alex P and Arya as openers. Arya hit his second ball for four, but otherwise both struggled to time the ball against the opening bowlers. They did however put on 24 together before Alex P (3) was bowled by Alex D. Paarth (0) and Sophie (0) both fell in quick succession being bowled by James in the same over. To ensure the team got over the line, Avneet joined Arya and helped to up the scoring rate before Arya retired. Sasha replaced him and despite Avneet being cruelly denied two fours by the soft outfield, the pair got the team over the line in the 15th over.

Match 3: Gingins/GRYCC

ZCCC 104-9 (Danyal 24, Shankar 17; Finlay 2-7, Rory 2-14) bt Gingins/GRYCC 93-7 (Adarsh 30*, Hugo 7; Shankar 2-10, George B 1-5) by 11 runs

The following morning, the outfield was again damp but the forecast was at least clear for the day. With the team having received a half-point penalty due to a slow over rate, they knew there were no opportunities for dropping a game. This time the Crickets were asked to bat first, and Sasha and Avneet found it difficult to get the ball away, and both had to run hard. Avneet (8) fell first, nicking Hugo to the keeper. Sasha (6) went a couple of overs later to the same bowler, looking to work it leg side but could only get a leading edge to Harris. Shankar and Danyal however consolidated and ran hard and both found the boundary once. Unfortunately neither would retire, with Shankar caught by Hugo off Rory and Danyal falling two balls later, cutting Adarsh to Jeremie. Alex (0) was soon bowled by Rory bringing George B out for his first bat. He drove his first ball over the ring for two to start well. Arya (5) couldn't go on as James again bowled him. Paarth (0) saw off a few balls before he was bowled by Finlay. An U13 pairing had Andreas join George B, and they managed to get the score up to 100 before Andreas (3) was run out by Alex D. Sophie (0*) kept the ball out, and George B (8) finally fell, caught by Adarsh. Tanish came to the crease with an over to go and finished 1 not out to set 104-9.



The Crickets knew they had to bowl tightly to keep Gingins/GRYCC under the 4.77 required rate. Adarsh and Rory got underway well with Adarsh finding the boundary off Andreas. Andreas however struck soon after having Rory caught by Avneet. Shankar came on as first change and his economic first over did the trick having Alex D caught by Danyal off the first ball of the next. A mix up with Adarsh saw Patrick run out without facing a ball when Alex P got the ball back to bowler Arya, who had plenty of time to take the bails off. Adarsh went on to retire with 52

on the board, which meant there were two relatively new batters at the crease, and James nicked George B behind. Harris and Hugo consolidated with some hard running, before some sharp fielding between Avneet and Sasha saw Hugo run out. The tight bowling meant that the required rate crept up, and Tanish took his first U15 wicket when Harris popped the ball up to Sophie at mid-wicket. Sophie kept things tight with her second over, meaning 15 were required off the last, which Shankar bowled. The tight bowling was too much and Jeremie could only hit the ball in the air to Avneet, leaving Gingins/GRYCC on 93-7.

Match 4: Basel Dragons

ZCCC 168-5 (Avneet 31*, Danyal 27; Laila 1-18, George P 1-22) bt BDJCC 165-4 (Sai 32*, Fynn 31*; Paarth 1-10, Arya 1-16) by 3 runs



With Gingins/GRYCC beating BDJCC in the second game of the day, the Crickets knew the trophy would be theirs regardless of the outcome of their final match. Basel won the toss and chose to field, so the Crickets felt it was a good opportunity in sunny conditions to put on a big total. Basel chose to open with their spinners, and Sasha and Avneet got underway brightly exchanging singles, and Avneet hitting the last ball of the over for four. They kept up the hard running, and Avneet hit another four, before a change in bowling to pace. Avneet enjoyed this

too hitting a big six. Avneet went on to retire with the score on 50, bringing Shankar to the crease. He and Sasha kept up the hard running, although both faced more dots as the bowling tightened up. Sasha (15*) retired on balls faced, bringing Danyal out. Shankar (25) couldn't go on to retire and was caught by Connor off George P. George B replaced him and was pushed hard by Danyal, who managed two threes! The pair put on a 54 run partnership before Danyal was out trying to hit Laila out of the ground but the ball went to Lasse. George went a ball later in a mix up with Alex P. Alex P (1) edged Pratyush behind. Arya (10*) took the opportunity to hit hard with only two overs left, and hit two consecutive boundaries and ran hard with Andreas (3) who was out on the last ball going for the second run, setting 168-5.

Feeling like this was a big total to chase, Sasha chose to mix up the bowling order. However the Basel batters, smarting from losing their earlier match, came out hitting and scored 38 off the first four overs. Connor hurt his arm playing the big shots and had to retire hurt. Shankar struck, having his replacement Parth caught by Paarth at square leg in the next over. A change to slow bowling brought the next wicket with Lasse missing a straight one from Paarth to be trapped in front with 100 runs needed. Sai and Fynn kept Basel up with the rate. The Crickets seemed a bit tired in the field with a number of catches, run outs and stumpings going missing. Fynn retired with 61 runs needed, and the Crickets took advantage of having a new batter at the crease, keeping Simul quiet, before he hit a catch off Arya to Alex P. Pratyush replaced him, and he and Sai kept running hard until Sai retired with 27 needed off three overs. Arya gave away 9 in his last over, with two wide balls, and then Danyal bowled too short and gave away 9 including two no-balls, leaving the equation for the last over as 9 needed. Shankar stepped up and kept things tight with Pratyush and George P only able to get 3 singles off the first 3, meaning six needed from three. Two dot balls followed, and Shankar held his nerve to finish another exciting game with a 3 run win!

Conclusions

This was certainly a game of two days for the team - completely dominant on day 1, but holding their nerve on day 2 to come through undefeated! Over the course of the season, the team have only lost two games, and one of those was with part of the team arriving seconds before play began!

The batting conditions were very unlike Zuoz, with persistent rain in the lead up meaning a very soft outfield. This meant that well-timed shots would go for one or two rather than four. Shankar showed his class but wasn't able to play quite as freely as usual. Danyal stepped up however, showing a great range of delicate shots and brutality. Avneet was the leading run scorer by far, and did so at an excellent strike rate. While he wasn't timing the ball as well as he has, he scored off more balls than not, and hit them a long way. A fantastic showing for an U13.

The bowlers had to be very precise not to be cut or pulled on a pitch that offered some consistent bounce. Danyal bowled with excellent precision and pace, finishing as the team's most economical bowler. Alex had his best showing, taking three wickets in one game. But the team's leading bowler was Shankar who consistently bowled a challenging line and length.

The fielding wasn't of the standard the team usually produces, with a number of dropped catches and misfields. Shankar was excellent in the outfield however, and took three full stretched diving catches over the two days.

Many thanks also to Sanjay for coaching the team. Zurich Crickets look forward to the new season!

Final standings:

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

* ZCCC deducted 0.5 and Gingins/GRYCC 1.0 points due to slow over rates

Statistics

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Analysis
Alex	6.00	12.00	12.00	6-0-36-3
Andreas	4.55	25.00	33.00	11-0-50-2
Arya	6.67	60.00	54.00	9-0-60-1
Avneet	6.33	38.00	36.00	6-0-38-1
Danyal	3.07	14.33	28.00	14-1-43-3
George	6.00	36.00	36.00	6-0-36-1
Paarth	4.33	19.50	27.00	9-0-39-2
Shankar	4.15	10.80	15.60	13-0-54-5
Sophie	8.75	-	-	4-0-35-0
Tanish	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
Alex	1.3	4	27
Andreas	3.0	6	67
Arya	28.0	28	68
Avneet	82.0	82	119
Danyal	30.0	60	95
George	9.5	19	66
Paarth	0.0	0	0
Sasha	55.0	55	57
Shankar	29.0	58	84
Sophie	0.0	0	0
Tanish	-	1	20

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		2
Avneet	3		1
Danyal	1		2
Paarth	1		
Sasha	2		2
Shankar	5		
Sophie	1		