

ZCCC in Summer Cup U13 Tournament Report

29 & 30 July 2021

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 host's 1st and 2nd XIs for a two day event. They played each other in a round-robin pool phase before 3rd/4th play off and a final.

Match 1: ZCCC 1st v ZCCC 2nd

ZCCC 1st 124-4 (Austin 20*, Fynn 12*; Tejas 2-26, Avik 1-12) bt ZCCC 2nd 76-7 (Avik 11, Nishith 8; Reetabrata 2-4, Andreas 1-7) by 48 runs

Vedant won the toss for the 2nds and asked the 1sts to bat first. The outfield made things difficult for run scoring, and Tanish and Avik bowled a tight line. Avik struck first having Avneet caught behind with a fantastic leg-side grab from Jesper, in his first competitive match. Austin came in and was watchful against the tight bowling, but Tejas did for George at the other end. Another caught behind! Austin was able to find the boundary, and Andreas immediately started to go over the ring for some twos. Tejas struck again however, and Andreas was the third to go in the same way! Reta and Austin looked to consolidate against the tight bowling from Vedant, Nishith and Vishesh. Boundaries were difficult to find but they ran hard. Austin retired, and Fynn kept up the quick singles until Reeta was bowled by Rolf. Furqan joined Fynn and combined well, upping the scoring rate as the outfield dried out and pushed the total onto 124-4.

Vishesh and Tanish found it tough to get the ball away with tight bowling and fielding from the 1sts and it was Austin that struck first having Vishesh (1) caught by Avneet. A lack of experience showed when Megna was run out with George getting the ball to Fynn cleanly. Ishaan then repeated the experience from the first innings having Vedant caught behind and Tejas was bowled a few balls later. In the meantime Tanish (2) retired, meaning two new batters in Avik and Nishith. They applied themselves well, but the required rate was by this point too high. Avik showed his attacking intent and hit a few over the top, including a boundary. This couldn't last and Avik finally went caught by Dhruvv off Reeta. Nishith went two balls later, bowled by Reeta. Samanyu showed great presence hooking a short ball off Avneet, but he and Alfie were otherwise unable to get the ball away. Andreas bowled the last over and had Samanyu playing down the wrong line, safely snaffled by Fynn. Jesper and Alfie saw off the last few balls to finish on 76-7.

Match 2: ZCCC 2nd v BDJCC

BDJCC 146-0 (Sai 22*, George 21*, Connor 21*, Pratyush 21*; Nishith 0-7, Megna 0-7) bt ZCCC 2nd 73-8 (Tejas G 12, Samanyu 10*; Aayansh, Connor 1-1) by 73 runs

BDJCC won the toss and elected to bat first, Lasse (20*) and Connor started the innings for Basel, and with aggressive intent and running between the wickets, they kept scoring at a good rate after both retired. Sai, Pratyush and George did not let the Zurich 2nd bowling attack get any relief. They finished with an impressive 146 for no loss.

The 2nds started their chase but lost Alfie (2) in first over, and their chase never got started as Basel kept taking wickets regularly. Apart from Tejas G and Samanyu, no other batter could reach double figures. The 2nds could manage only 73 runs, but the players, especially U11s, showed a great resilience and made sure they faced a full quota of overs and did not get all out. Scoring 70+ scores in both matches made sure they had a better run rate to finish day 1 third on the table.

Match 3: ZCCC 1st v Gingins/GRYCC

ZCCC 1st 64-2 (Austin 25*, Avneet 20*; Anikait 1-8, Owen 1-13) bt Gingins/GRYCC 59-6 (Anikait 5, Rohan 4; Andreas 4-4, Austin 1-11) by 7 wickets

The last match of the day saw the 1sts playing Gingins/GRYCC. The visitors won the toss and chose to bat first. George, Avneet and Austin made it difficult to score off the bat, and Andreas struck in the fourth over, bowling Anhad through the gate. The bowling was excellent and Anikait and then Owen retired with scores in single figures. With a couple of overs left, things moved quickly as Austin bowled Badri, and then Avneet bowled Hassan giving Andreas the final over. It started well with the second ball bowling Rohan. Incoming Shehryaar managed to scamper a single off the next, but Andreas brought Aadita forward and he was stumped the next ball. Sam couldn't do much with the next one and it trimmed the bails. This left Andreas on the verge of a hatrick and a five-for on the last ball but it harmlessly passed the outside of Ananya's bat for Gingins/GRYCC to finish on 59-6.

The reply didn't get underway terribly smoothly with George missing one from Owen, but Austin and Avneet settled the nerves. Austin hit his 6th ball for 6, while Avneet saw himself in. For Avneet this meant that he merely took 10 off an Owen over, and he went on to retire off 16 balls with 50 partnership brought up. Andreas made sure to give Austin the strike but managed to chip a ball to Anhad. With 4 needed, Austin launched a massive 6 to finish the game in style.

Match 4: ZCCC 2nd v Gingins/GRYCC

ZCCC 2nd 102-5 (Tejas G 21*, Tanish 14; Aaditya 1-2, Owen 1-6) bt Gingins/GRYCC 60 a.o. (Badri 14, Hassan 11; Vedant 2-11, Rolf 1-5, Megna 1-5) by 42 runs

With a thunderstorm forecast for late afternoon, and the seeding of the finals unaffected by the last two pool matches, they were shortened to 16 overs. The 2nds felt like they could give Gingins/GRYCC a scare, and were asked to bat first. There was a blow to their hopes when Avik was bowled in the second over by Anhad, but Tanish and Tejas rebuilt. Tejas in particular looked fluent, but Tanish also started to time the ball and hit a six off Hassan. Tejas ran hard with several 2s and retired with 51 on the board. His U11 compatriot, Vedant (1) couldn't continue with the scoring and was run out. Samanyu showed some application and

managed a three and a four until he was bowled by Owen. Tanish retired, and Alfie (4) also ran hard before he was caught by Anhad off Sam. Megna and Vishesh saw out the overs safely to set a total of 102-5.

The Gings/GRYCC openers found scoring hard and it told when Megna got the ball back to Avik to run out Anhad. Vedant followed this up by having Owen caught by Vishesh. He backed this up by trapping the now dangerous Badri in front. The next over Aaditya drove a ball from Tejas and Megna one-handed, Ben Stokes style, plucked it from the air! Hassan put on some resistance but was run out by a direct hit from Avik. Rolf got into the wickets, first trapping Sam in front, and the next ball running out Shehryaar. With runs needed, Rohan was caught by Samanyu off Megna and then Ananya by Vishesh off Alfie, to give the 2nds a famous victory!

Match 5: ZCCC 1st v Basel Dragons

ZCCC 1st 89-8 (Avneet 24*, George B 20*; George P 4-3, Ved 4-8) bt BDJCC 88-4 (Lasse 21*, Sai 21*, Connor 20*; Andreas 2-11) by 2 wickets

The second dead-rubber of the day saw the 1sts against also undefeated Basel. Avneet won the toss and chose to field. He might have regretted this when George's first ball was short, wide and Lasse cut it through backward point for four. The experienced batting pair took a liking to Avneet and Andrea's bowling too with boundaries seemingly coming at will. Lasse retired, and Basel chose to change the batting order and brought Tejas in. Predictably he wasn't as destructive, but at the other end Connor also soon retired. The onslaught didn't stop there and Sai kept up the momentum. Tejas did creditably to retire, and it was then that the team pounced with Andreas bowling Aayansh. A direct hit from Fynn saw Nihanth run out. Once again Andreas took the last over and had Ved bowled. No hattrick opportunities this time, but Andreas did manage to run out Siddartha with the help of Fynn after a mix up, leaving 88-4 to chase.

Avneet and George repaid the favour of the first innings and got underway well, with Avneet hitting a six in the first over. He retired in the third, leaving George looking in good touch. Unfortunately, the rest of the team were a bit less so, with George P ripping through the next four wickets. George started to accelerate and retired with his third boundary. Andreas and Furqan showed some resistance and got the team within touching distance of the win, but a moment of madness saw he and Nishith stumped off consecutive balls. Avneet came back in and there was no such drama, with he and Andreas running three to finish off the game with 3 overs to go.

3rd/4th Play off: ZCCC 2nd v Gingins/GRYCC

Gingins/GRYCC 126-8 (Owen 17*, Shehryaar 17; Samanyu 2-19, Vedant 1-9) bt ZCCC 2nd 87-8 (Vedant 10, Avik 8; Hassan 2-8, Aaditya 1-3) by 39 runs

With the weather hot and sunny and the previous two matches finishing on time, it was decided to extend the play off to 20 overs. Owen won the crucial toss and chose to bat first, but the start did not go too well for Gingins/GRYCC as Hassan was run out on the last ball of the first over with the score just 3. The next few overs went quietly and extras was the only scorer. Badri slowly started to open their hands by hitting Vedant for a boundary but Vedant came back by bowling him. With Anhad getting run out without disturbing the scorers at 38-3, the 2nds were on top. Owen joined Shehryaar and both ran aggressively between the wickets. The heat started taking a toll on the 2nds and they soon started leaking lots of extras, and dropped catches also did not help the cause. With 72 runs in extras Gingins/GRYCC posted a total of 126-8 in the 20 overs.

Gingins/GRYCC had momentum and looked positive to defend the total, the 2nds inning began steadily however soon both openers were out in quick succession. Rohan had an excellent day at field and ran out Tejas and Samanyu with direct-hit from fine leg. Apart from Vedant no other batter could reach double figures. With the majority of batters gone Meghna and Alfie showed great application to make sure the team played out the full quota of overs. However the excellent fielding and bowling display from Giggins/GRYCC made sure they won the game by a fair margin of 39 runs.

Final: ZCCC 1st v Basel Dragons

BDJCC 124-8 (Connor 23*, George P 18; Dhruv 2-9, Avneet 1-10) vs ZCCC 1st match abandoned

The final was set up, and with the thunderstorm seeming to be 3 hours away, the match was lengthened to 20 overs. Basel again won the toss and chose to bat, and it started in a similar way, although with an all spin opening bowling pair. Lav was hit for 6 by Lasse but responded well to bowl him. Andreas wasn't able to exert his usual control and was hit for a number of boundaries. Connor quickly retired, and fortunately Sai and Pratyush weren't able to score quite as quickly. Dhruv struck first, bowling Sai, and then Austin bowled Pratyush the next over. While this was happening, the skies darkened dramatically and light rain began to fall. Kabir was caught by Reeta off Dhruv, and as the rain got heavier Sid was run out by Furqan. Lav came back on for the penultimate over and managed to do well given the now heavy rain, trapping Nihanth in front and then running Tejas out. At this point the conditions were too bad and the umpires took the players off.

The thunderstorm rolled in early and unfortunately play was abandoned. Usually in this scenario the pool results would determine the title, but as the “decider” match was played as a dead rubber, with Basel in particular mixing their batting order (88 runs vs 124 as an example), it was decided to honour the close rivalry and competition the two teams have had all year and share the trophy.

Conclusions

It has been several years since the Crickets were able to enter two teams in a tournament, showing the depth within the club. For the first team it was clearly disappointing that the final was abandoned, as they were hoping to add a third title to the trophy cabinet. The season had been dominated by Zurich and Basel and perhaps fitting to share the trophy at the end. Unlike in Zuoz, the team did not slip up, finishing the tournament undefeated.



For the 2nds, they had a very creditable performance, surprising Gingins/GRYCC on the morning of day 2. Sadly that seemed to take the emotional and physical energy from the team and they couldn't repeat it in the play off. It was fantastic to see the U11s leading from the front and setting some of the older players in the side an example to follow.

The batting conditions were very unlike Zuoz, with persistent rain in the days leading up to the tournament meaning the outfield was long. This meant that well-timed shots would go for one or two rather than four. For the 1sts, it was good to see George finding his rhythm and

scoring quickly, and Austin continued his excellent form of the season. Avneet showed a willingness to dig in and build an innings when he wasn't timing it as well and finished as the teams leading run scorer.

The Embrach pitch has good bounce so there is extra pressure on the bowler to find the right line and length, or get pulled or cut. Dhruv in particular was very accurate and economical (fantastic for an U11). Austin was accurate too and took wickets with a mixture of medium pacers and leg breaks. As usual, Andreas was the pick of the bowlers and almost brought up his first five-for and hattrick!

Many thanks also to Ivan and Baljit for coaching the 1sts and Nilesh for the 2nds. Thanks also to Nick for umpiring. Zurich Crickets look forward to the new season!

Final standings:

Position	Team
1=	Zurich Crickets 1st
1=	Basel Dragons
3	Gingins/GRYCC
4	Zurich Crickets 2nd

Statistics

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Analysis
Alfie	7.75	31.00	24.00	4-0-31-1
Andreas	4.44	5.71	7.71	9-1-40-7
Austin	4.88	13.00	16.00	8-1-39-3
Avik	4.80	48.00	60.00	10-0-48-1
Avneet	5.13	20.50	24.00	8-0-41-2
Dhruv	2.71	9.50	21.00	7-1-19-2
Furqan	6.33	-	-	6-0-38-0
George	5.63	-	-	8-0-45-0
Ishaan	6.20	32.00	30.00	5-0-32-1
Lav	4.63	18.50	24.00	8-0-37-2
Megna	6.40	32.00	30.00	5-0-32-1
Nishith	4.86	-	-	7-0-34-0
Reetabrata	4.80	12.00	15.00	5-0-24-2
Rolf	7.20	18.00	15.00	5-0-36-2
Tanish	4.67	-	-	9-1-42-0
Tejas	7.50	25.00	20.00	10-0-75-3
Vedant	5.60	18.67	20.00	10-0-56-3
Vishesh	7.00	-	-	5-0-35-0

Economy: runs conceded per over

Average: runs conceded per wicket

Strike rate: balls bowled per wicket

Analysis: Overs-Maidens-Runs conceded-Wickets

Batting

Batter	Average	Runs	Strike Rate
Alfie	3.7	11	31
Andreas	7.5	15	115
Austin	46.0	46	105
Avik	8.7	26	53
Avneet	49.0	49	132
Furqan	17.0	17	59
Fynn	14.0	14	82
George	11.5	23	92
Ishaan	0.0	0	0
Jesper	10.0	10	38
Lav	1.0	1	33
Megna	2.0	4	17
Nishith	2.7	8	36
Reetabrata	6.5	13	52
Rolf	0.0	0	0
Tanish	9.0	18	35
Tejas	12.3	37	80
Vedant	3.5	14	33
Vishesh	1.0	3	16

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
Alfie			1
Andreas			1
Avik			2
Avneet	1		
Dhruv	1		
Furqan			1
Fynn	2	1	2
George			1
Jesper	3		1
Megna	1		1
Reetabrata	1		
Rolf			2
Tejas			1
Vishesh	2		