

## **Zurich Crickets 1<sup>st</sup> XI win CSPL match against Geneva CC at the Bout-du-Monde ground by 2 wickets**

In 35.2 overs Geneva were all out for 240. Left-armers Edén had opener Idrees caught behind, while he also mopped up the tail enders with Lavan, who furthermore produced a catch for him off Geneva's number 11.

On his return, Doug produced a much appreciated and long-awaited bowling display, creating huge pressure with his 2 spells (8-32-1). He also snapped up a catch towards the end, as did Abdullah at cow-corner.

Dayn and Abdullah both took two wickets, while the first 3 batsmen all fell to catches to keeper Nic.

A sharp, diving catch to Westy in the slips was a class act, as was Ruan's direct hit to run out dangerman Ali Shah (82).

It had been a solid all-round performance despite too many extras on a high-scoring ground with its short boundaries.

The chase stuttered until Prafull (57) and Ruan (17) put together 50 well-crafted, confident runs. It then looked like Prafull's luckless loss of his wicket might well bring a sudden end to the proceedings.

However, Noorkhan clearly had other ideas. Playing his game, as only he can, he launched an attack of magical quality. No bowler was spared. Striking cleanly and big he hammered 93 runs while his partners Lavan and Edén did not score a single run!

It was only after the awesome Noorkhan had departed for 116, having dispatched 11 sixes and 11 fours to the boundary in just 56 balls, did Edén get off the mark! But every dot ball he faced, every extra he ran was cheered and clapped as if another boundary had been added to the total.

The patient Edén, bolstered by a gritty and determined Doug, faced 37 balls for his 11 runs and in a final, immensely valuable partnership of 23. It was Doug who 'sublimely' cuffed a four and the winning runs in the 37<sup>th</sup> over.

And the crowd went wild, the batsmen were mobbed, and scenes of joyous celebration followed what had been more than 15 overs of endless tension! A truly extraordinary game.