

ZCCC Romande Cup U13 Report

10 & 11 October 2020

The first club event of the season is the Romande Cup, hosted by GRYCC. The U13 event was held at the Bout-du-Monde artificial wicket, in Geneva. The tournament was a double round-robin between Basel Dragons/GRYCC, Gingins and Zurich Crickets/Cossonay. The matches were 24 over and there was a bonus point system for certain achievements (batter retiring on runs, bowler taking 3 wickets etc). The conditions were very autumnal which made quick run scoring difficult, and fielding a challenge, but the sun did come out!



Match 1: Gingins

ZCCC/CCC 104-6 (Austin 16, Dhruv 7*, Fynn 7*; Ciaran 1-3, Anhad 1-6) bt Gingins 38 a.o. (Anhad 4, Owen 4; Noah 2-0, Andreas 1-1, Fynn 1-1) by 66 runs*

ZCCC/CCC won the toss and decided it was better to set a total. Avneet (6) saw off the first few balls from Ishan before dispatching him for six. Sadly the next over he played across the line to Anhad and was bowled. Austin joined Aiden, and they carefully saw off the next couple of overs, with singles and twos. Sadly Aiden (3) couldn't go on and was bowled by Aaditya. Andreas also didn't last long, chipping Erik to Anhad. Austin picked up the only four of the innings off the last ball of the over, *pulling a short ball*. He went on to retire shortly after on balls faced, bringing Noah to the crease. Fynn and Noah found it difficult to score with the slow outfield, but extras kept the scoreboard ticking over. Fynn retired, and Noah (5) was on the brink of doing so too but hit Ciaran to Owen. Dhruv found scoring a little easier but at the other end Lewis (2) and Vedant (0) came and went. Due to a late arrival, Vedant batted again and managed 2 with he and Dhruv not out at the end, with the score 104-6.

The fielding innings started almost perfectly with Avneet bowling Isa in the first over. Andreas was very economical and had Anhad caught by Avneet in a wicket- maiden. Michael fell soon after, feeling the pressure to score runs, run out by Ishaan. Erik and Owen looked to consolidate but run scoring was tough with ZCCC/CCC fielding sharply. Owen fell to Fynn, caught by Vedant, and Aaditya was bowled by Ishaan. Owen's vigil ended chipping a ball from Austin back to the bowler. The innings ended quickly with Vedant bowling Ciaran. Noah then bowled Patrick and Sebastian to close the innings on 38 all out.

Match 2: Basel Dragons/GRYCC

ZCCC/CCC 112-5 (Avneet 19, Austin 15, Andreas 14; Connor 1-15, Pratyush 1-21); bt BDJCC/GRYCC 61 a.o. (Connor 17; Andreas 2-4, Noah 1-2) by 51 runs*

Avneet again won the toss and again wanted to set a total, knowing that Basel Dragons/GRYCC will be a tough competition. Unfortunately Aiden fell to Connor on his first ball, but Austin and Avneet stayed together well. Avneet in particular, scoring off most balls, with a number of twos and a boundary meaning he had a strike rate of over a hundred, before he chipped Pratyush back to the bowler. Andreas joined Austin, and they kept up the good running with Austin finding the boundary once. Austin again went on to retire, but Fynn and Andreas kept going. With the sun out, Fynn found run scoring a bit easier. Andreas felt the need to push the scoring rate and took on a suicidal second run but was run out by Pratyush. Dhruv, like Fynn, found scoring a little easier, and he managed the third boundary of the innings. Fynn (10) and Dhruv (10) went on to retire, and there were a couple of late wickets with Ishaan (2) and Lewis (1) looking to get as many runs as possible, leaving Noah (1*) at the other end, to post 112-5.

Avneet again got the innings off to a fantastic start, bowling Sai. Andreas followed with tight bowling and the pressure told with Austin running out Vignesh. Continued tight bowling saw Badri caught and bowled by Andreas. Austin did the same to fellow leg-spinner Pratyush to leave BDJCC/GRYCC struggling on 18-4 after 5.2 overs. Shehryaar and Connor looked to rebuild, but the tight bowling and fielding made it difficult, although Connor did manage a six off Austin. Star of the previous game, Noah continued his wicket taking, bowling Shehryaar. Connor retired, leaving a less experienced batting pair. Andreas struck, running out Hassan with a direct hit. Kabir was bowled by Vedant, and he struck in the field, running out Anikait which brought Connor back. With many runs needed, Connor tried to hit Andreas but was caught by Fynn and mid-off, leaving BDJCC/GRYCC on 61 all out.

Match 3: Basel Dragons/GRYCC

ZCCC 97-5 (Austin 15, Dhruv 13*; Connor 2-3, Hassan 1-3) bt BDJCC/GRYCC 95 a.o. (Connor 23*, Sai 22; Vedant 2-5, Noah 2-9) by 2 runs*

A chilly start the next morning brought BDJCC/GRYCC again, but the team were under no illusions that it would be as one-sided as the previous day. A loss would likely bring bonus points into the equation, and both teams had 4. Another toss won, and again Avneet decided to bat first. Again Connor struck early, bowling Aiden (2) and Avneet (6) followed soon after

with Connor taking a caught and bowled. Austin and Andreas continued their hard running partnership, with Austin hitting a big six off Anikait. The 29 run partnership was only broken when Austin again retired. Sensing the need to take over the primary run scoring, Andreas perished chipping Pratyush to Connor at mid-off. Fynn (4) found it difficult to get the ball away but Dhruv was able to pierce the gaps to pick up some twos. With Fynn retiring, Noah came and went, being bowled by Kabir. Vedant managed to stay with Dhruv, but went for 5 after Hassan bowled him. Ishaan came to the middle with 1.3 overs left and was able to score 5 quickly to set a total of 97-5.

BDJCC/GRYCC got off to a better start with Sai and Anikait seeing off the bowling to put together a 15 run partnership before Noah bowled Anikat (1). Connor came to the crease and Avneet immediately brought himself and Andreas on. Unfortunately with Sai having been in for a while he was able to hit a four. Sai and Connor swapped singles off Andreas, and Sai went on to retire. This brought wickets with Badri being bowled by Noah, who was unlucky to miss out on a stumping of Connor. Vignesh was removed by Ishaan getting the ball to Fynn behind the stumps and running him out. Connor retired with 9 overs left and 41 needed for the tie. Kabir was removed quickly by Lewis. Hassan and Pratyush looked to consolidate, but the latter was run out by Aiden and Fynn. Shehryaar was bowled first ball by Vedant and he struck again to remove Visisht. This brought Sai back with 26 off 28 balls needed. An expensive over from Aiden reduced the required rate, so Avneet brought himself and Andreas. Andreas had Sai dropped, but Hassan caught by Austin, bringing Connor for the last wicket stand. Ten runs off ten balls were needed, and Connor hit three twos to reduce the requirement for three off the last over. Austin came back to bowl at Sai, and a googly went through the gap to bowl him to win the match!

Match 4: Gingins

Gingins 64-3 (Erik 16, Patrick 8*, Anhad 8*; Noah 2-3, Andreas 1-7) bt ZCCC 61-9. (Ishaan 6*, Noah 4*; Isa 2-3, Dev 2-4) by 7 wickets*

After running BDJCC/GRYCC close in the previous game, Gingins were feeling confident. Avneet looked to bat again, but tiredness seemed to have set in with ZCCC/CCC collapsing to 7-5, with Andreas, Fynn and Austin all out for naught. Ishaan and Aiden look to stick around, but Aiden (3) was run out by Erik. Ishaan retired, and Noah picked up from where he left off. With runs needed the next wickets all came from run outs, and Ishaan and Noah were left at the end with the total on 61-9.

The fielding innings started well with Andreas having Sam caught behind, but after that Patrick and Anhad stuck at the task and both retired on 8. Noah removed both Michael and Owen, but again the team struggled to remove Erik and Isa. Erik upped the scoring rate, and hit Austin for two fours to win the game.

Conclusions

ZCCC/CCC U13s had a great overall tournament, despite a tired loss at the end. It was satisfying to see two big wins but also holding on to beat BDJCC/GRYCC in a very tight match. Tiredness set in for the last match, which was a shame, but the team can hold their heads high.



The bowling was the strength with three bowlers in the top four of the tournament. Andreas continued his form from the U15 tournament, picking up five wickets as a strike off-spinner. Vedant (an U11) picked up four lower order wickets, but Noah was the star with six wickets and four(!) maidens.

The bowlers were supported well in the field, despite the conditions and a wet slippery ball. Avneet, Austin and Andreas led from the front in the field with a number of catches and run outs. Aiden and Fynn alternated gloves, which can make it difficult to get rhythm but they both did well in the circumstances.

The batting is one area to work on in particular with Austin the only top order player to retire in three matches. Given the relatively long matches, more of the top order need to go on to help post bigger totals. Dhruv was a revelation down the order, providing some much needed runs in tight games.

Connor was awarded the player of the tournament, leading both the batting and bowling charts. Congratulations to him. Many thanks to Baljit and Ivan for managing the team, Glenn for umpiring, and to Bijit of GRYCC for putting on a great tournament.

Position	Team	Points
1	ZCCC/CCC	36
2	BDJCC/GRYCC	24
3	Gingins	10

Statistics

* indicates a player from Cossonay CC.

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Aiden*	6.00	-	-	2.75	4-0-24-0
Andreas	2.53	5.40	12.80	0.00	10.4-1-27-5
Austin	5.19	15.00	17.00	2.19	8.4-0-45-3
Avneet	3.80	19.00	30.00	1.50	10-0-38-2
Dhruv	2.80	-	-	1.20	10-0-28-0
Fynn	2.00	16.00	48.00	0.25	8-1-16-1
Ishaan	3.00	18.00	36.00	1.33	6-1-18-1
Lewis*	3.50	14.00	24.00	2.50	4-0-14-1
Noah*	1.25	1.57	7.57	0.00	8.5-4-11-7
Vedant	3.17	4.75	9.00	2.00	6-0-19-4

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
Aiden*	2.0	8	
Andreas	6.0	30	61
Austin	46.0	46	60
Avneet	8.5	34	77
Dhruv	32.0	32	50
Fynn	21.0	21	26
Ishaan	13.0	13	34
Lewis*	1.3	4	11
Noah*	5.0	10	15
Vedant	3.3	10	23

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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