

ZCCC in Zuoz U13 Tournament Report

12 & 13 June 2021

After having to skip the Zuoz Festival of Cricket in 2020, it was a relief to be back this year. Beautiful weather was forecast and four teams converged to play for the U13 trophy. Basel Dragons and Zurich Crickets both had more than the 10-a-side format so they contributed players to form a Wanderers side with Cossonay and GRYCC, in addition to a side from Gingins. The teams played each other in an 18 over round robin before moving to a 3rd/4th play off and a final.



Picturesque Zuoz with the U13 pitch in the bottom right

Match 1: Gingins

ZCCC 91-4 (Austin 20*, Avneet 13*; Isa 3-14, Michael 1-8) bt Gingins 90-5 (Isa 18, Erik 16*; Andreas 3-8, George 1-12) by 5 wickets

Avneet won the toss and chose to chase and George got things under way with a maiden. Gingins found it difficult to score but a few wides helped their total. A turn to spin pulled the scoring rate down. Erik retired and a ball later Ayan chipped an Andreas full-toss to Avneet (to the disgust of the bowler). Austin followed up with a maiden. Gingins saw off some tight bowling from Reeta and Ishaan, and again extras helped the total along. Frustration built, resulting in George gifting four overthrows to Isa, but the next attempt was on target and Fynn completed the run out with just over two overs to go. Avneet turned



back to the trusted bowlers and immediately it worked with George bowling Ciaran. Taking the ball for the last over, Andreas dragged Owen forward and Fynn completed the stumping, before bowling Sebastian 4 balls later to leave Gingins on 90-5.

The chase didn't get underway in the best of circumstances with George missing a straight one from Isa and being bowled, but Avneet and Austin consolidated. The score moved quickly with Avneet hitting two fours before holing out off Isa with Owen taking the catch. Andreas fell the next ball, Isa again leaving Isa on a hat-trick. Reeta was in more circumspect form but with Austin hitting the ball sweetly he could afford to. Austin retired off only nine balls with 4 boundaries. With plenty of time Fynn and Reeta could afford to play sensibly. Unfortunately Reeta (7) couldn't go on and was out caught. Fynn (7) retired a few balls later leaving it to Ishaan and Alfie. Ishaan guided a ball through third man for four leaving 2 required and unfortunately it was a wide for the Crickets to open their account.

Match 2: Wanderers

ZCCC 85-8 (Austin 37*, Reeta 14*; Rasesh 2-7, Lewis 1-5) lost to Wanderers 87-2 (Dev 20*, Rasesh 14*; Andreas 1-7, George 1-15) by 7 wickets

The Wanderers won the toss and chose to chase and the ZCCC innings started even worse than the previous match with Avneet bowled first ball! George (0) fell in the same way at the end of the second and Andreas (0) two overs later! Fortunately Austin and Reeta again steadied the ship and Austin retired with two boundaries under his belt. This time however Fynn (2) couldn't stick around for long and was caught. Reeta also retired, and both Tanish and Furqan struggled to score before a run out saw Tanish walking back. A run out also did for Furqan (2), and Ishaan (1) was soon out also caught. Alfie provided support for the returning Austin, and the pair almost doubled the team's score with Austin hitting three fours. The pair ran three off the last ball of the innings and tried for one more but a direct hit meant Alfie was out. The team finished on 85-8.

With a required rate of just under 5, the team had to be accurate. Unfortunately, with pace on, the Wanderers openers were able to score. However George struck when Aiden could only pop the ball to Avneet. George was unlucky not to get two-in-two with Noah fending a chest high ball to the keeper but the square leg umpire felt it was too high. Fortunately it didn't make a big difference as soon after Andreas had him trapped in front. Unfortunately it was also the last wicket to fall, as Avneet searched for answers, but the score kept moving at the required rate, and despite some close run out chances, the Wanderers finished the game off with an over to spare.



Match 3: Basel Dragons

ZCCC 105-2 (Avneet 20*, Andreas 19*, Reeta 18*; Pratyush 1-6, Siddhartha 1-8) bt BDJCC 104 a.o. (Connor 31*, Lasse 22; Austin 3-13, Andreas 2-10) by 7 wickets

With Gingins having beaten the Wanderers in the first match of the Sunday, a win against Basel Dragons would secure a place in the final, otherwise net run-rate would come into the equation. Avneet won the toss and chose to chase again. The bowlers found it difficult to contain the batting of Lasse and Connor and it was once they retired that things started to happen with Pratyush chipping Andreas to Avneet. Austin struck, running out George with a direct hit. Visisth hit him for six, but couldn't get hold of the next one, and Fynn snagged it with a fantastic catch, diving full stretch forward. The dangerous Sai missed one and was bowled by Austin. Furqan then got into the act and had Aaron caught behind. A period of consolidation followed with extras contributing most of the score, before Siddhartha was run out by Avneet. Austin struck again with Raed giving a catch to his "spin twin", Andreas. Andreas took the last over and Connor took two boundaries off him, before a single brought Lasse on strike, and Andreas got one through the gate to finish off the innings at 104 all out.

The team knew they needed the top order to fire this time, and fire it did, with Avneet's big hitting ensuring the first over went for 17! Sai exerted some control, but George was content to see himself in. Avneet retired off just 9 balls, bringing Austin in. He found it difficult to time it, and ended up stumped off Pratyush. Having scored zero runs the previous day, Andreas eased himself in, but soon found the boundary through mid-wicket when the sprawling Pratyush handled the ball while he was lying across the boundary. Despite having only scored singles so far, George hit Aaron for 6 over long-on and Andreas did the same over mid-wicket. George retired with half the overs to go, but less than half the runs needed, and Andreas followed soon after. Reeta was more expansive than the previous day and hit two fours. Fynn (0) was the last wicket, bowled and Ishaan (3) supported Reeta as the team got home with over 3 overs to go.

Match 4: Final - Basel Dragons

ZCCC 119-8 (Avneet 43*, Austin 12; George 2-11, Aaron 1-2) bt BDJCC 113-4 (Lasse 24*, George 12*, Sai 12; Andreas 2-8, Patrick 1-6) by 1 wicket.

And so Zuoz U13s came down to yet another Basel Dragons vs Zurich Crickets face off, like every tournament so far in the season. The Crickets also knew that the "final" was rarely as simple as the previous game. The Dragons won the toss and chose to set. Lasse came out the blocks quickly, and retired with a 6 off Avneet. At the other end Connor was unable to find his timing and Andreas got one through the gate. Another good partnership formed before Sai tried to hit Austin over the top but it was snagged by George. Patrick then had Vignesh stumped. Some hard running took advantage of any wides, and then George's knee gave out in his last over and had to be carried off the field. Reeta finished the over, and once again Andreas took a wicket, bowling Aaron. Basel finished on 113-4.

With George out of action, Reeta was promoted to open with Avneet. Avneet continued his form from the morning and quickly retired, but not before Reeta was trapped in front. Austin and Andreas ran hard, before Austin was bowled. Andreas (8) was bowled by Connor's last

delivery and there followed a clatter of wickets with Furqan, Ishaan and Fynn all dismissed without the score moving. George was forced to come to the middle with Ausin as a runner, alongside Patrick. Despite not being able to put weight on his front foot, George hit the first ball he faced for 2! Patrick (3) fell with two overs to go, bringing Avneet back, and 19 needed to win. Sai was tight, but the pair managed to take 6 off him to leave 13 needed off the last over. George had refused a single off the last ball to ensure Avneet had the strike. With the field back, Lasse bowled a good length and Avneet could only find the long-off fielder, but he and Austin ran hard to make it 2. The next three balls were almost identical and now the equation was five needed off two balls. The next ball was shorter and wider and Avneet cut hard to the boundary to level the scores! With one off one needed, the field was brought up, so how would Avneet score the winning runs? With a big six!

Conclusions

The team did not make it easy for themselves, with batting misfires making the Saturday morning match a semi-final. But key players stood up when it mattered, in particular George batting on one leg and Avneet coolly chasing down the total in the final!



The batting didn't sparkle as consistently as in previous tournaments but the top four all had their moments and all four of them hitting at least one six! Reeta provided important runs, particularly on the Saturday. Austin was the most consistent with 74 runs in the tournament,

hitting the ball straight and hard. Avneet's winning 43* in the final ensured he was the team's top run scorer.

The quicker bowlers all struggled with the bouncy pitch and quicker outfield (although Reeta was the most economic bowler!) meant economies at around 6. However the team's two spinners stood up with Austin taking 4 wickets. Andreas was metronomic, not bowling a single extra and started to develop some dip to take 8 wickets and was named the tournament's best bowler.

The fielding was of good standard, particularly the catching. The one area for improvement was overthrows, both with backing up and deciding whether to go for it. Fynn continued his improvement behind the stumps, showing great awareness and standing up to Austin's mixture of leg-spin and medium pacers. He also took the team's catch of the tournament.

Many thanks to the Lyceum Alpinum for hosting a great tournament and Nick for running the age group. Many thanks also to Baljit and Ivan for coaching the team. Zurich Crickets look forward to resuming the rivalry in Embrach!

Final standings:

Position	Team
1	Zurich Crickets
2	Basel Dragons
3	Gingins
4	Wanderers

Statistics

Includes performances with the Wanderers team.

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Analysis
Alfie	6.50	-	-	6-0-39-0
Andreas	3.97	5.38	8.13	10.5-0-43-8
Austin	4.55	12.50	16.50	11-2-50-4
Avneet	6.18	-	-	11-0-68-0
Furqan	4.60	23.00	30.00	5-0-23-1
George	6.09	35.00	34.50	11.3-1-70-2
Ishaan	6.14	43.00	42.00	7-0-43-1
Patrick	5.40	13.50	15.00	5-0-27-2
Raiyan	8.60	-	-	5-0-43-0
Reetabrata	2.93	22.00	45.00	7.3-1-22-1
Tanish	6.63	53.00	48.00	8-0-53-1

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
Alfie	3.0	6	24
Andreas	9.0	27	71
Austin	37.0	74	109
Avneet	38.0	76	177
Furan	5.5	11	29
Fynn	3.7	11	37
George	10.5	21	53
Ishaan	3.3	10	77
Patrick	3.0	6	38
Raiyan	-	1	33
Reetabrata	21.0	42	70
Tanish	1.7	5	33

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
Andreas	1		
Austin			1
Avneet	3		1
Fynn	2	1	1
George	1		