



ZCCC in Romande Cup U15 Tournament Report

2 & 3 October 2021

The first club event of the 2021/22 season was GRYCC hosting teams at Bout-du-Monde for the Romande Cup. A 12-strong ZCCC were joined by teams from Basel Dragons, Gingins and a Cossonay/GRYCC "Swiss Romande" team in a 25 over, round robin, tournament.

Match 1: Swiss Romande

ZCCC 98-8 (Shankar 30*, Arya 18; Hugo 4-6, Hassan 1-5) bt Swiss Romande 97-7 (Hugo 21*, Jai 16; Austin 1-3, Avneet 1-4) by 2 wickets

Zurich lost the toss for a shortened match (20 overs) and were asked to field. Danyal bounced back from an expensive first over to bowl a tight line and length. He was supported by Lav at the other end and they only conceded 20 off the first 5 overs. Arya couldn't get the line perfect and Hugo (on loan from Gingins) hit him for two boundaries. Andreas was the first to take a wicket, bowling Ryan with his first ball. Arya bounced back and Andreas had a good shout for LBW with Hugo sweeping, turned down. Jai and Hugo mostly dealt in boundaries, with Hugo retiring at the mid way point. Shankar was the next to strike, bowling Hassan and Avneet did the same to the dangerous Jai. Alex got in on the act bowling Badri. Some sharp fielding from Tanish and Sasha saw Anikait run out, and Austin had Shaunak caught by Shankar. In the last over, a direct hit from Danyal saw the end of Shehryaar and Swiss Romande finished on 97-7.



Avneet looked in good touch on the slow outfield and helped the score to 18 off the first two overs, but Sasha at the other end couldn't pierce the ring and could only bat out a maiden. Avneet (8) departed the next ball, holing out to Hugo. Sasha, now on strike, batted out another maiden. No fear however as Shankar was in good touch, hitting a four off his first ball. Sasha retired (on his lowest strike rate ever!), and Danyal (1) didn't last long before holing out to Badri. Shankar brought up his own retirement with a 6, and with two new batters at the crease, Romande felt this was an opportunity. Austin (3) was caught off Hassan at the mid-way point, with the score 94-6. Arya and Alex combined well and put together a 38 run partnership before the return of Hugo saw Arya bowled. With light fading, the new batters found it difficult to see the ball, and George (0) went the same way two balls later. Alex (16*) then retired, bringing Andreas and Sophie together with just 7 needed in 2 overs. Hugo came back for his last over, and Andreas (1) was unlucky to be given LBW. Hugo made sure no questions could be asked about his next, bowling Sophie. Sasha came back to the crease and, knowing that Shankar was in the hutch, pushed Lav to run for

everything. The inevitable run out happened, but Shankar made sure of no worries and hit his first ball for the 2 required!

Match 2: Basel Dragons

ZCCC 173-7 (Shankar 27*, Danyal 18; Sai 3-23, Lasse 1-13) bt BDJCC 125-5 (Alex 25*, Lasse 22*; Arya 1-11, Sophie 1-16) by 48 runs



Overcast skies overnight meant the outfield was in good condition for the first match on Sunday against “local” rivals Basel. Sasha won the toss and preferred to set a total, and immediately he looked in better touch than the day before. Unfortunately, Avneet’s (5) luck continued to desert him and he holed out off Sai. Shankar continued from the previous evening. Some tight bowling from Connor brought the run rate below 6 briefly, but Sasha took full advantage of a full toss from Pratyush to bring up the first boundary of the

innings. He retired (17*), bringing Danyal out. Shankar hit another 6, this time off team mate Lav (on loan for the match) and went on to quickly retire. Danyal and Austin looked in better touch too, finding the boundary twice, and also running some hard twos. Austin (12) couldn’t push on and was unlucky to lob a full toss right to Neil at forward square. Danyal fell the next over after some great fielding from Alex D (on loan from Gingins) saw him run out. Once again Arya and Alex came together, with Arya cracking three boundaries. Alex (5) was bowled by Neil, and then Arya (17) was bowled by Sai after trying another ramp shot. George and Andreas combined well with George running five 2s. With the overs running out, the run out came with Alex D again doing the job, running out George (14). Andreas (5) could only hit Sai straight to Pratyush, but Tanish received a full toss that he whipped away for four, to leave the side on 173-7.

The reply started well for the Dragons with Lasse taking a single off Arya, and then Connor cracking him for 4. Danyal was moved into the gully and it worked straight away, with a sharp catch taken. Smiles and

acknowledgements to coach Baljit all round!

Some sharp bowling and fielding kept the scoring below the required rate, and only Andreas had a bad over with Lasse latching onto to short balls, but he recovered for his next. While wickets were not forthcoming, the required rate kept building. A couple of run outs removed Neil (by George) and a patient Kabir (Sasha). With the scoring rate under control Sasha took the opportunity to give Tanish and Sophie a longer spell and they both responded well with Sophie picking up her first wicket in the club (bowling Siddhartha). Alex D gave the Dragons a late impetus but it was too little too late and Basel finished on 125-5.



Match 3: Gingsins

ZCCC 114 a.o. (Shankar 23, Avneet 21; Hugo 2-11, Michael 2-11) bt Gingsins 99 a.o. (Alex 22*, Owen 13; Avneet 2-7, Andreas 2-8) by 15 runs

With Gingsins having won one and lost one, the last match became an effective final, with the winner the one to take the trophy. Alex D won the toss and chose to field first. The first over ended with some controversy with Sasha (4) given run out, but the wicket stood and Shankar joined Avneet. Avneet hit some sumptuous drives, and Shankar soon started to motor. Both found the boundary multiple times. With pace coming off the bowling, Avneet struggled to find his timing and was dropped twice, and third time was the charm for Gingsins with Alex D taking the catch. Danyal (6) came and went, also giving a catch to Alex D. A mix up between Shankar and Austin (1) meant Austin was soon heading back. A few balls later, Shankar fell just short of retirement, with Harris taking a good catch. Arya (10) wasn't able to find the boundary this time, and was out caught too. Alex (3), Tanish (1) and Andreas (4) all went in a similar way. At the other end George retired and was soon back in as Lav (0) was bowled by Josh. Sophie showed what focus can do and put in her longest innings, which gave George the opportunity to double his score with a couple of boundaries to push the total past 100, and Sophie's (2) vigil ended with 4 balls to go with the total on 114.

With a low total to defend, the team knew they would have to bowl and field well. Danyal and Arya opened the bowling well, keeping the rate below required. The pressure told, and Avneet got the ball in quickly to Sasha to run out the dangerous Hugo. Danyal followed it up with a maiden. The retirement of Alex D and Owen saw the opening for the Crickets, with Avneet finishing an over with two in two! At the other end, Andreas trapped Josh in front.



Avneet came back for his hattrick ball, but it was a dot. Will and Patrick looked to rebuild, and got the side closer until Andreas' pressure bowled Will. Lav returned to bowl Patrick and, Austin had Akos caught by Arya. By now, only 30 were needed in 7 overs. Tanish got Sam to pop the ball high in the air, and Tanish managed to fluff the catch but the ball landed on the stumps with Sam out of his ground! Sophie picked up her second wicket, bowling Finlay which brought the dangerous Alex back. Great fielding backed her up and he wasn't able to score quickly. With 17 needed from the last three, the Crickets started to feel confident. Alex came on to bowl his first over, and trapped Saurav in front with a straight one. Owen returned to the crease and kept out the first, but missed the second and Alex took the final wicket to give the Crickets the win and the trophy!

Conclusions

After having posted over 200 in a practice match before the tournament, the Crickets might have expected to have racked up some big totals. However, they showed some grit and determination to get the win, even when the situation was not ideal.

While, in the match against Basel, the batting showed glimmers of what they are capable of (posting the highest total of the tournament), it was overall below par with a few too many soft catches given. However, the depth of the side was shown with Arya, Alex and George all playing vital middle order contributions. Shankar was the class of the tournament with aggression and delicacy and was awarded the batter award for his 80 runs at a strike rate of 151.

The bowling was very accurate and made it difficult for the opposing teams to get runs. A whole team performance is reflected in the statistics and not having to depend on one or two to do most of the bowling. Although wicketless, Danyal has developed from a fast bowler to a fast and accurate bowler, with fantastic control of line and length. His economy was amazing given the pace of the ball. Sophie's two wickets were great to see and a reflection of her attitude to develop. Austin, Andreas, Avneet and Arya all contributed important wickets, and Alex finished off Romande at the end!

The ground fielding was excellent, with many runs stopped and catches taken. The one nitpick would be on the throwing - a few run out chances went begging due to this but even so the team were a step above. Sasha managed things well behind the stumps, moving the field and bowling changes with aplomb.

Many thanks to GRYCC for hosting and providing delicious curry on the Saturday, and to Baljit, Nick, Adrian and Ivan for coaching. Also to Manish for manning the camera. The Crickets look forward to the first indoor competition in two years!

Final standings:

Position	Team	Points
1	Zurich Crickets	9
2	Swiss Romande	4
3	Gingins	3
4	Basel Dragons	1

* Basel Dragons and Swiss Romande awarded a point each for their abandoned match

Statistics

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Alex	4.76	7.67	9.67	0.83	4.5-0-23-3
Andreas	4.43	10.33	14.00	0.71	7-0-31-3
Arya	4.43	31.00	42.00	0.29	7-0-31-3
Austin	4.40	11.00	15.00	1.60	5-0-22-2
Avneet	4.40	7.33	10.00	1.60	5-0-22-3
Danyal	3.11	-	-	1.44	9-2-28-0
George	5.86	-	-	3.14	7-0-31-0
Lav	6.50	39.00	36.00	0.67	6-0-39-1
Shankar	4.29	30.00	42.00	0.00	7-0-30-1
Sophie	6.20	15.50	15.00	2.80	5-0-31-2
Tanish	4.00	-	-	2.50	6-0-24-0

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	12.0	24	50
Andreas	3.3	10	67
Arya	15.3	46	82
Austin	5.3	16	80
Avneet	11.3	34	126
Danyal	8.3	25	83
George	15.5	31	66
Lav	2.0	4	44
Sasha	13.5	27	48
Shankar	80.0	80	151
Sophie	1.0	2	15
Tanish	5.0	5	45

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
Arya	1		
Avneet	1		1
Danyal	1		1
George			1
Sasha			1 (and 4 assists)
Shankar	1		
Tanish			2