

## Zurich Crickets CC Awards and Parents Matches 2015

The Zurich Crickets CC 2015 Awards were presented at a special lunch held at the ZIS Adliswil sports hall on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Both before and after the Awards there were the traditional Players vs Parents matches, which were enjoyed by all.

Great credit goes to Monica who coordinated the lunch with the parents, and Lasantha and family, who generously provided a huge rice dish for everyone who attended. Many thanks to the families who also brought food and drinks, in particular the cakes and desserts, for the many other members and their families. Over 60 were able to attend the event.

After lunch the coaches presented the annual awards and pointed out the highlights of the season. It was wonderful to see so many new members, especially among the Under 11 group. The club enjoyed a successful 2015, is thriving and has already clocked up some spectacular successes in the new season. Below is the full list of players and their awards. Many congratulations to everyone.

It was particularly satisfying to see representatives of all the age groups expressing their appreciation of their coaches for all the work they had put in over the year and presenting them with Lord's cricket ball each. Together with the managers of the age groups these individuals put in countless hours of preparation and organisation to ensure the smooth running of the weekly coaching sessions, matches and tournaments throughout the year. A special mention goes to Stephen, our Treasurer who works so hard to ensure that the club remains financially healthy.

Congratulations also to the one Baggy Cap recipient in 2015, Moaz Butt. The ZCCC Baggy Caps are awarded to those players who have been members of the club until they have at least reached the Under 15 level before leaving the club. They are seen as graduation-style recognition of long service and achievement at Zurich Crickets Cricket Club. They were awarded for the first time in 2012. Such players automatically become ZCCC Honorary members when they leave the club.

Finally, the Favotto Cup, which is awarded annually to a player who contributes by performing well for the club, shows exemplary attitude both on and off the field, demonstrates coachability, a willingness to help other players as well as his/her coaches, a positive outlook especially when the going gets tough, and who is courteous to other teams, and is respected by his/her team mates.

Three names were put forward in 2015, all strong candidates. The youngest was Chris who has been a long and loyal member of the club for 8-9 years and at every level has shown skill and been a great example to those teams he has also led as captain. Secondly, Olli Millar has had a good season, played outstandingly in the indoor tournament, was the standout player in his ZCCC age group, and is always prepared to help out. This year's winner Osama came to us in 2011 as a beginner. The same year he got himself selected for the national U15 XI and was part of an extremely strong touring side that was unbeaten in Cambridgeshire, also against the county XI, while losing by just 4 runs to Holland in Denmark on the second U15 tour. He has developed enormously as a player and this season he was the best Swiss U19 player at the 5-nations tournament in Belgium. With his senior club, Power Winterthur, he won both the Swiss 40-over League Cup and the T20 Swiss Cup. In the T20 final he was awarded Man of the Match. Throughout the winter season Osama came to the Friday evening sessions and acted as an assistant coach. This was a new role he has taken on. At summer nets with our older players, he was always there giving them advice, encouragement and leading

by example. He has remained with the club despite his age, and adapted to the skills of the younger players in all the matches he was invited to join. He is a worthy winner. Congratulations!

2015 list of Award winners

The following Under 11 players were awarded season medals:

Andreas Hall, Kyle Seth, Aman Nair, Paolo Patel, and Matty Patel.

Under 11 Best All-rounder – Kabir Khanna

Under 11 Best Newcomer – Owen Thompson

Under 11 Best Fielder – Ben Jackson

Under 11 Most Improved Batter – Vadim Berg

Under 11 Most Improved Bowler – Sasha Hall

Under 13 Most Improved Player – Haresh Zeeman

Under 13 Best All-rounder – Luke Specogna

Under 13 Coach's Choice – Dayn Pariaug

Under 15 Most Promising Newcomer – Shaan Gunawardena

Under 15 Most Promising Newcomer – Surya Chandra

Under 15 Most Reliable Player – Chris Langford

Under 15 Most Improved Player – Rahul Kavirayani

Under 15 Most Valuable Player – Oliver Millar

Under 15 Unsung Hero – Zeki Ghazoul