

Swiss U11 in Gingins Indoors U13 Cricket Tournament

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With the Swiss U11 tour to England only a couple of months away, they were entered in the Gingins U13 indoor tournament to give the players time to get experience playing together. They would face five teams, and experience another level of competitive cricket.

Alistair (GRYCC), Charlie (Basel), Ethan (Gingins), Greg (Basel), Kabir (Cossonay), Ross (Basel), Sasha (Zurich), Thomas (Gingins) and Vadim (Zurich) made up the Swiss U11 side.

Match 1: Basel Dragons

The Swiss U11 side had a tough start, playing the eventual tournament winners, Basel. **Ross** had a dream start, trapping Eden LBW with this third ball. Basel showed their class however and Ethan (33*), Jimmy (38*), Max L (24) and Aditiya (21*) all retired. The Swiss kept at it and **Charlie** was rewarded getting Max H caught. **Vadim** got Soumil caught first ball and towards the end the returning Max L was run out. With plenty of wickets in hand, Basel cruised to 198-4.

The U11s found the batting tough with **Kabir** (3) and Ross (3) falling in consecutive overs to Ethan and Eden. Vadim and **Ethan** consolidated well and managed to add 29 runs before Jimmy had Ethan caught for 8 off the wall. This brought **Alistair** in who battled hard before being able to score more freely and finished on 16 not out. Vadim fell to Max L for 12. **Sasha** scored the same before running himself out. **Greg** saw out the 15 overs on 3 not out. The Swiss U11 finished with both of their targets - getting over 100 and batting out the overs, finishing on 104-6.

Result: Lose by 94 runs.

Match 2: La Chat

Undeterred, the U11s batted first against a relatively inexperienced La Chat side. They found the going considerably easier with Ross (21*), Kabir (24*) and Vadim (21*) all retiring on 20. The first wicket came at the 100 run mark when Charlie was bowled by Patrick for 0 after struggling to find the gaps. Greg made 15 before being bowled by Adam. Sasha (8*) and Alistair (2*) ensured that all 15 overs were faced again, and U11s finished on 137-3.

After a cheap first over, Ross' second saw Tim run out by Ethan, and then Kabir bowled Graham with his second ball. This brought the dangerous Adam to the crease. He and Patrick consolidated, and both retired. Adam did so by hitting Sasha for six, but Sasha came back to have Will caught by Ethan first ball. Kabir knocked over Ned and Ross did for Ryan for 0. Ethan got in on the act by bowling Julian for 15, however this brought Patrick and Adam back needing 40 off the last three overs. Accurate bowling and fielding kept the rate down before Kabir bowled Patrick (39) to take a three-fer and win the game.

Result: Win by 13 runs.

Match 3: GRYCC

The U11s again batted first in their third game on the trot. Sadly Ethan fell early LBW to Aarit, but Kabir and Alistair put on 45 before Alistair was run out. Kabir (26*) retired, as did Ross (22*) and Sasha (20*) before Vadim was run out looking to take a run off a wide ball. Greg (8) and Charlie (2) bookended Aarit's last over with U11s finishing on 132-5, again batting out the overs.

GRYCC got going well with Owen (27), Nathaniel (23) and Saurav (25) all retiring, with the only blip being Theodore getting bowled by Ross for 8. With GRYCC on 72-1 at the end of the 7th, the U11s needed something special. Sasha got things going, taking Aarit c&b, and Alistair having Lauchlan caught followed up, but Charlie stole the show taking 4-14 in nine balls, showing the virtue of bowling on the stumps to polish off the tail and the returning top order.

Result: Win by 26 runs.

Match 4: Gingins

The next morning brought the U11s down with a bump. Again batting first, Kabir ended up run out for 4 and this prompted a collapse with Wilf knocking Vadim and Sasha for 0 and trapping Ross LBW for the top score of 8. Thomas batted well before falling to an unlucky catch off the wall for 7. Alistair and Charlie both managed 5 before the latter was bowled by Adam. The U11s finished on 54 after 8.2 overs.

The U11s started well with Ross having Ricky caught for 0 with his third ball, but the target was nowhere near enough for a strong team, and Gingins got the winning runs at the end of the fifth with overthrows.

Result: Lose by 5 wickets.

Match 5: Zürich

The U11s were again asked to bat first, and this time made a much better start. Kabir quickly got to 17 before Sai bowled him. Vadim made 9 before being run out by Sam and then Sam took Ross and Greg in two balls. This time Sasha held his nerve and made 13 before Sai took him and Charlie. With 8 overs to go, it looked like the U11s would collapse again, but Thomas and Alistair decided they wouldn't be rolled over. Every good ball was blocked out and Zürich brought back their quickest bowlers to try and finish them off. Each ball kept out was greeted by a cheer from the crowd, and as the weaker bowlers came on then the pair started to score and Thomas finished on 13*, Alistair on 9*. Having batted out half the innings they also doubled the U11s score, finishing on 94-6.

Zürich came back strongly with Aryan and Sam both retiring before Charlie got into the wickets again taking both Sai and Aman. Antar polished things off taking 23 off 7 balls.

Result: lose by 5 wickets

The Swiss U11 team finished fourth out of six, having won two out of their five games, far exceeding expectations. There were some fantastic moments that will stick, like Kabir's batting, Charlie running through GRYCC and Thomas+Alistair's Boycott impression. But more importantly it was fantastic to see a team start to form and how everyone supported each other even during difficult moments.

Huge thanks to Pavel and Pete for all their work with the selection, training and organisation and I am looking forward to what the boys can do next!

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Statistics

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Alistair	11.00	88.0	48.0	1.13	8-0-88-1
Charlie	9.38	8.7	5.6	0.93	6.3-0-61-7
Ethan	9.71	34.00	21.0	1.29	7-0-68-2
Kabir	9.37	29.7	19.0	1.37	9.3-0-89-3
Ross	9.33	28.0	18.0	2.00	12-0-112-4
Sasha	9.25	18.5	12.0	0.50	4-0-37-2
Vadim	12.00	78.0	39.0	2.15	6.3-0-78-1

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
Alistair	47.0	47	81
Charlie	1.8	9	35
Ethan	2.7	8	50
Greg	6.5	26	63
Kabir	24.7	74	137
Ross	19.3	58	141
Sasha	17.7	53	120
Thomas	20.0	20	67
Vadim	11.8	47	112

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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