

# Zuoz Junior Cricket Tournament - Zurich Grasshoppers U11

4 & 5 June 2016



The Zuoz Junior Cricket Tournament is the highlight of the Swiss junior cricket summer. Hosted by the Lyceum Alpium on four pitches in the valley below Zuoz, it offers the main opportunity for outdoor cricket.

This year, Zurich U11s had two teams entered: Zurich Crickets and Zurich Grasshoppers. The Grasshoppers was made up of the younger or less experienced players, with six U9s in the team.

## Match 1: Gingins

*Gingins 69-2 (Ethan 4\*, Thomas 2; Andreas 1-7) beat Zurich Grasshoppers 67 all out (Rafferty 2, Kosmo 1; Ethan 4-4, Aarit 2-10)*



Saturday began with the rain coming down and every weather app and website being consulted. The Grasshoppers' first match started in a slight easing in the rain and was against Gingins. Gingins were missing two of their Swiss U11s (Kabir and Gianni) to the U13s, but still promised to be tough opposition. The Grasshoppers batted first and sadly **Ryan** was run out 4<sup>th</sup> ball. Aarit bowled **Willoughby** for 0 in his second over, bringing **Austin** to the crease. He and **Rafferty** calmed things down for the next 9 overs and the extras started to increase as less experienced bowlers came on. Swiss U11 opening bowler Ethan's pace and accuracy was too much and he took most of the rest of the wickets, ending with figures of

4-4, and two wicket maidens.

Ethan and Thomas came out to bat in worsening rain, conditions difficult for players and umpires alike. They didn't seem too troubled, but scoring in the wet conditions was difficult. However, the young bowlers meant the scoreboard kept ticking over with extras. **Andreas** broke the partnership in the 8<sup>th</sup> over, bowling Thomas with his off spin. With only one run needed, Bron ended up run out, but the score was reached in the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Match 2: Zurich Crickets

*Zurich Crickets 131-2 (Owen 28\*, Vadim 14\*; Andreas 2-21) beat Zurich Grasshoppers 39-5 (Shankar 3, Alexander 2; Vadim 2-7, Maxwell 1-0)*

With conditions declared as unplayable, the teams moved indoors to the Lyceum's sports hall for the rest of the Saturday. The matches were 10 overs a side and played with an adjusted indoor scoring rules.

The Grasshoppers' next game was against their "brother" team, the Crickets. The Crickets batted first, and Andreas struck with his second ball, bowling Aman. Austin followed with a tight over of leg spin with this first over. Sadly the line and length started to slip, with extras building. The experienced Crickets took full advantage, running on wides, converting some of them to five. Towards the end, Andreas had Matty caught by Austin for 9 in an otherwise expensive over. Owen finished the innings on 28\*.

Rafferty and Willoughby opened the Grasshopper's innings and found scoring difficult with the sharp fielding before retiring. Shankar hit a quick three before being bowled by Austin. Andreas made one before being bowled by Maxwell (who finished with figures of 0-1 in his first match for the Crickets). **Alexander** made two, before being foxed by Vadim's leggies. This brought Rafferty back in, who also perished to Vadim before Ryan was run out, closing out the innings after 10 overs.

## Match 3: Basel Dragons

*Basel Dragons 57-2 (Ross 6\*, Euan 6, Ali 5\*; Andreas 1-13) beat Zurich Grasshoppers 57 all out (Rafferty 2\*, Austin 1; Ross 2-6)*

With sun poking through blue patches taunting the teams at dinner, hopes were high for returning outside for the remaining matches. The next morning was overcast, but critically dry for the Grasshoppers first match of the day against the Dragons. With Willoughby having to return home, **Aman** graciously stepped in to keep for the Grasshoppers.

The Grasshoppers lost the toss and were put in, **Fynn** and **Kosmo** opening. Runs were hard to come by with the accurate bowling and fielding, although the pitch contributed a few extras. Rafferty and Andreas batted well for a few overs before Andreas fell to Kritik. Austin continued the resistance, before he and Rafferty retired. Ross then quickly knocked Ryan and Aman over bringing them back in. Looking for a run at all costs off the last ball, there was a run out.

Ross and Euan showed their skill, the latter scoring a boundary before a mix up meant he was run out. Ali hit Andreas for another boundary but Andreas struck back two balls later, bowling him. Kritik and Greg calmly saw the "senior" team home, with a run taking them over the line.



## Match 4: Basel Nightfuries

*Basel Nightfuries 79-3 (Will 3\*, Zander 1; Andreas 2-10) beat Zurich Grasshoppers 78-6 (Aman 2\*, Andreas 2; Quirjan 2-7)*

The last match for the Grasshoppers was against their rivals, the Basel Nightfuries. The Grasshoppers batted first. Andreas and Rafferty found runs hard to come by, but the pitch made things difficult for the bowlers and the extras mounted, until Quirjan bowled a maiden. Rafferty then was run out looking to open his account, bringing Ryan to the crease. Quirjan took two in two balls, and Ryan took Andreas for 2. Alexander and Aman ensured all balls were faced finishing on 1\* and 2\*.

The Grasshoppers got off to a dream start in the field, with Andreas bowling brothers Matthias and Quirjan with consecutive balls and conceding only one run from the first over. Sadly, neither he nor the other bowlers could remain that economical on the difficult pitch. Alexander chipped in towards the end with his first wicket for the club, bowling Zander for 1. Will batted well and found the gaps to retire on 3\*. Although scoring more runs off the bat, the Grasshoppers bowling was less accurate. Even with some generous umpiring, the Nightfuries got over the line with a no ball in the 12<sup>th</sup> over.

## Summary

The Grasshoppers should feel proud of their performance after having had a fantastic tournament in some extremely difficult conditions. The tournament was the first Zuoz competition for almost all of the team. This showed with most matches being lost on extras conceded. Andreas was the standout bowler taking almost all of the Grasshoppers' wickets and was in the running for the overall bowler award. He managed to get the wet ball to turn and bowled accurately. He was supported by some great catching and fielding by Austin and the rest of the team. Rafferty provided the top order batting, and played well against some quick bowling. The team batted well and took their innings to the last over in every match, impressive given the accuracy and pace they faced from the other teams.

Ethan of Gingins was awarded the bowling prize, Euan of Basel the all-rounder award and Owen of the Crickets the batting prize. Congratulations to them and all the players for the level of cricket played in very difficult conditions. Dragons won the tournament, with Zurich Crickets second. Gingins finished third having lost to both. Basel Nightfuries came fourth and Zurich Grasshoppers rounded out the table.

Huge thanks to Laurence for an almost impossible job of directing the tournament with horrible weather and Juliet and Prakash organising the U11s. Also to Ian for scoring and Nick for a spot of umpiring. Last but no means least to Ivan for coaching the team.

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## Statistics

### Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Alexander	8.80	44.0	30.0	7.00	5-0-44-1
Andreas	6.11	9.2	9.0	2.78	9-0-55-6
Austin	8.25	-	-	5.63	8-0-66-0
Fynn	6.67	-	-	6.00	6-0-40-0
Rafferty	7.44	-	-	4.78	9-0-67-0
Ryan	8.71	-	-	5.86	7-0-61-0

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
Alexander	1.5	3	20.0
Aman	2.0	2	
Andreas	0.8	3	6.3
Austin	1.0	2	7.7
Fynn	0.3	1	12.5
Kosmo	0.3	1	
Rafferty	2.0	6	23.5
Shankar	3.0	3	50.0
Willoughby	1.0	1	14.3

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

Strike rate: scoring rate, where 100 is one run per ball faced (excludes Gingins match as balls faced not available)