

Zurich Crickets again finish as winners in a closely contested Gingins Indoor Tournament

The teams were well matched and until the final day four teams were in contention to finish as winners. Zurich Crickets played an exceptional tournament considering that they were without their coaches. It is a team of all-rounders who all can be relied on to make valuable contributions. They can manage and motivate themselves and the captain Luke, assisted by Dayn, did well to master the ups and downs of the matches. Luke was clearly the best wicket-taker in the team, supported more than ably by Dayn, who opened superbly for the team and deservedly finished as the tournament's best batsman. He was closely followed by Surya, who showed good shot selection to post retiring scores and whose accurate fast bowling put batsmen under pressure. Haresh contributed well with both bat and ball, while Rahul showed solid all-rounder qualities. Finally, wicketkeeper Zeki effected four run-outs, hardly gave away a bye, and his batting was inspirational against Basel's Dragons.

Match 1: Zurich got off to their usual poor start with most of the team having failed to acclimatize after the long journey down, and with heavy traffic due to the motor show leading to delays. The bowling clearly suffered from the inability to take wickets and Cossonay were able to hit a very respectable 158 for the loss of just one wicket. In reply Zurich kept up with the run rate but then within the space of two overs four wickets fell. Zurich fell short by 35 runs despite having more than 3 overs to play with. A disappointing loss.

Cossonay 158-1 won vs Zurich 123-7

	Over	3	5	10	12	15
Cossonay	Score	21	47	93	111	158
	Wickets	0	0	0	0	1
Zurich	Score	38	51	116	123	
	Wickets	1	1	3	7	

Match 2: Restricting Gingins to a meagre total of 86 all out in the 13th over meant the pressure was all on the opposition. Zurich cruised to a big victory by not losing a wicket and finishing the match in the 9th over.

Gingins 86-7 vs Zurich 89-0 won

	Over	3	5	9	13
Gingins	Score	8	19	53	86
	Wickets lost	2	2	3	7
Zurich	Score	31	51	89	
	Wickets lost	0	0	0	

Match 3: In the third match on Day 1 Zurich Crickets batted first against La Chat. Zurich constantly pushed for runs to post a huge score of 189 for the loss of four wickets. La Chat struggled to maintain momentum, especially as wickets fell at regular intervals despite about 45% of the runs being given away in extras.

Zurich 189-4 won vs La Chat 79-7

	Over	3	5	10	15
Zurich	Score	49	71	135	189
	Wickets lost	0	1	1	4
La Chat	Score	22	34	62	79
	Wickets lost	2	2	4	7

Match 4: The final match against Zurich was a must-win for both teams. Excellent straight bowling and sharp fielding (Ishan 2 run outs) held Zurich to 100 (Dayn 22*, Rahul 23, Priam 13). In reply Dragons began well and looked ahead and in control: After 5 overs Basel had posted nearly half the total for the loss of two wickets. However, Zurich Crickets' wicket-takers stepped up to the mark with the result that the Dragons lost key wickets and Musti (23*) aided by Francis (16) could not manage to find the necessary runs while keeping wickets intact. Basel were all out on 87 runs after just 10 overs, 14 short, and Zurich were home and dry.

Zurich 100-7 won vs Basel 87-7

	Over	3	5	10	15
Zurich	Score	25	37	77	100
	Wickets lost	1	1	3	7
Basel	Score	24	45	87	
	Wickets lost	2	2	7	

Gingins U15 final results:

- 1 Zurich Crickets won 3 - lost 1 (Zurich won their match vs 2nd placed Gingins)
- 2 Gingins won 3 - lost 1
- 3 Basel Dragons won 2 - lost 2
- 4 Cossonay won 2 – lost 2
- 5 La Chat won 0 – lost 4

Tournament Awards

Best batsman: Dayn (Zurich Crickets)

Best bowler: Hemant (Cossonay)

Best fielder: Mustafa (Basel Dragons)

Most inspired (best all-rounder): Ismail (Cossonay)

The Zurich Crickets players' statistics

	Innings	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Runs				AVG
Batting										
Dayn	4	8	21*	23*	22*	74				37
Haresh	4	24*	10	18	6	58				19.33
Rahul	4	18	6	29*	23	76				38
Surya	4	27*	11	29*	0	67				33.5
Luke	3	0		22*	7	29				9.67
Zeki	3	17		20*	8	45				15
Bowling	Balls	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Runs	Wickets	Run out	Econ rate	AVG
Surya	60	12	5	10	19	46	2		4.60	23.00
Luke	64	25	2	17	26	70	5	2	6.56	14.00
Dayn	72	22	18	10	18	68	4		5.67	17.00
Rahul	66	27	25	10		62	3		5.64	20.67
Haresh	18	10	8	12	6	36	0	2	12.00	
Zeki wk								4		

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