

Zurich Crickets Under 17/19s win both T20 matches at Gingins indoor mini-tournament on 13th March

At the large Madame de Stael indoor facility in Geneva Gingins CC organised a triangular mini-tournament between the three teams GRYCC, ZCCC and Gingins CC. ZCCC was joined by Cossonay's Hemant Ganesha as only 6 could travel from Zurich.

The first match was against GRYCC who won the toss and elected to bat first. They began promisingly with Colts and U19 player Yash Roy, but Freddie Drake soon departed caught by Osama M off Moaz B. Replaced by Ashwin Vinod, the two experienced batsmen put together a respectable score. But both of them departed on 27, to another catch by Osama M off bowler Ruan K and a run out by Moaz B. After that wickets fell to Khawar (caught Moaz) and Osama for just a handful of runs. Zurich Crickets had been set 131 to chase.

The reply began shakily with Nic softly dismissed for a duck and Ruan run out for 13. Osama and Asad built steadily, keeping ahead of the run rate, and when Osama departed to a catch for 26, Moaz (15) intelligently supported Asad (41). They steered Zurich home comfortably with overs and wickets to spare.

In the second match Gingins also chose to bat first. Their openers, Floris W (13) and Aidan A (27) began aggressively. The first wicket fell on 56 after 6 overs to Hemant. Ale P continued well but by the 13th over both Aidan, bowled Hemant, and Ale, caught behind off Osama, were out. Runs became harder to come by. But Simon P persevered well, batting almost until the end to finish on 26 when he was run out. Nic then took a second catch behind off Osama to dismiss Max M. Gingins finished on 156 for 5 with George and Alex batting out the final over.

Set 157 to win, Zurich Crickets Ruan and Nic calmly accumulated runs until Nic (22) was run out in the 12th over with the score on 99. The damage had been done, and Gingins were paying the price for wayward bowling that was gifting runs to Zurich. With wickets and overs in hand Asad scored a quick 21 taking the score to 131 in the 15th over before he was caught by young Alex. He was the pick of the Gingins bowlers, taking 2 for 21 off his 4 overs. Despite Moaz getting trapped LBW for a duck, Osama (13) and Ruan (44) steadily chased down the necessary runs to finish in the 20th over. Ruan had successfully carried his bat throughout the innings.

Congratulations to the team on winning the day.

Our thanks go to Sander W and John M for their organisation of the day, and umpires Rhett A and Scott P for umpiring.