

Basel Indoors U11 Cricket Tournament (2015/2016 Season)

31 October & 1 November 2015



Returning to the scene of their third place finish in March, Zurich went two better to win the Basel U11 Indoors Tournament for the first time since 2012!

A bright Baümlihof welcomed six teams to compete for the trophy.

Match 1: Luxembourg

Zurich got the tournament underway playing Luxembourg, who batted first. The opening bowlers of **Owen** (struggling with a heel injury) and **Sasha** bowled economically, with Sasha bowling Charlie for a duck. New joiners to the team, **Ed** and **Rafferty** were in next and kept the pressure on. **Andreas** ran out Oscar with a direct hit after a sweep shot went straight to him. Rafferty also got into the wickets after Sasha (Luxembourg) tried to hit him over the top, with Sasha (ZH) taking a tough catch over his

shoulder. Malina (Lux) was run out by Andreas off his own bowling. Rahul (Lux) batted well and retired on 20* with Luxembourg finishing on 86-4.

Zurich's reply was built around **Vadim's** 21* (ret'd) who worked the ball around well. **Rafferty** also batted well to make 14 before being run out. **Willoughby** and Andreas were left at the crease when extras took Zurich over the line with an over to spare to finish on 88-5.

Result: Win by 2 wickets.

Match 2: GRYCC/Cossonay

Zurich were straight back into the action facing a combined team from GRYCC and Cossonay and were asked to field. Kabir (Cossonay) got them off to a good start, ultimately retiring on 20*. Owen bowled well again, and got Thomas with a fine edge to keeper **Aman**. Sasha bowled Adash for a duck and Owen run out Aarit with some sharp fielding. GRYCC/Cossonay finished on 89-3.

Owen and Vadim got Zurich off to a good start, although Vadim was run out for five. Owen went on to retire on 21*, using the side walls and combining well with Sasha who finished on 19*. He and Aman (8*) finished off the game, with Zurich ending on 93-1.

Result: Win by 6 wickets.

Match 3: Basel Nightfuries

Next up were Basel Nightfuries and this time Zurich batted first. Owen was bowled trying to heave Mathias for six and made 12. Vadim batted well making 21* (ret'd) with only two dot balls. Sasha made 19 before being run out by George. Aman came in and struck the ball well retiring himself with a six (23*). Rafferty posted nine runs before being run out by Shivansh. Ed and Ryan were left at the end with Zurich making 141-3.

For the Nightfuries innings, the newer/younger Zurich players were given a chance to show their skills. Andreas and Ryan opened and only conceded three runs from the bat. Ed bowled Euan for a duck and Vadim got into the act getting Quirjan caught by Owen. Sasha bowled one over which was a maiden. After the 11 overs, the Nightfuries finished on 42-2.

Result: Win by 99 runs.

Match 4: Basel Dragons

The fourth match of the day was against Zurich's main rivals - Basel Dragons. This time it was in the smaller hall, and Zurich found it difficult to get runs with sharp Basel fielding. Owen kept the scoreboard ticking over using the side walls and managed 13 before being caught by Greg off Ali's bowling. Ross took two in two balls - first getting Vadim (1) caught by Alex and then bowling Sasha for a golden duck. Aman and Rafferty steadied the boat, with Aman hitting two sixes for his 18 and Rafferty managed a four, so Zurich posted a total of 61-5.

Basel got going quickly, running aggressively and hitting well with Ross making 22*. Euan almost retired, making 19 before getting a top edge off Vadim to the keeper Aman. Ali (3*) and Greg (6*) finished things off and Basel ended on 64-1 after only six overs.

Result: Lose by 6 wickets.

Match 5: Gingins Wanderers

The first day finished with Zurich having won three of their four games and leading the points table. The second day again started in the small hall against a Gingins Wanderers side. Gingins won the toss and elected to Bat. Owen and Sasha started well with the ball, with Owen bowling Leo. Ben showed his prowess in the field to run out Mushaar for 2. Thomas looked set to retire after a couple of sixes, but he yorked himself and was bowled by Andreas on 19. **Matty** and **Paolo** also made things tricky for Gingins and they finished on 58-3.

In reply, Zurich continued to find running difficult but made runs from the walls. Owen batted well and retired on 20*, which included a four and a six. Vadim holed out to Cossonay's Kabir for eight and Aman also found it difficult before being caught by Thomas off Jenkin's bowling. Ben (4*) and Sasha (3*) finished the game off, with Zurich making 61-2. This meant that Zurich had won four of their five round-robin games, and finished second to Basel Dragons, who didn't lose a game.

Result: Win by 5 wickets.

Match 6: Final vs Basel Dragons

This set up an intriguing final between Basel Dragons and Zurich. With 15 overs and the large hall it promised to be closer than the round-robin tie. Zurich won the toss and captain Owen elected to field, preferring to chase. The opening bowlers of Owen and Sasha bowled a good line and were supported by good fielding, particularly by Ben in the leg side corner who plugged Basel's usual scoring opportunities. Euan batted well and hit Vadim's first ball for six, bringing his retirement. Undeterred, Vadim then took control with his tricky leg spin, getting Alex first ball (caught by keeper Aman), then getting the dangerous Ross (8) caught by Ben and Greg caught by Owen running in from mid off. Vadim didn't stop there, running out Charlie for two. Owen came back in and bowled the big-hitting Ali for 15. Sasha also got in on the act bowling Lewis for a golden duck. Good fielding kept the pressure on, and the run rate down and Matty and Paolo were economical with Matty finishing the innings getting Euan out caught pulling the ball to Ben for a top score of 28. Basel finished on 110 with an over to spare.

Needing 7.4 an over, Zurich didn't panic in the face of some excellent pace and swing from Ross. Vadim managed 8 before being run out by an excellent direct hit. Excellent calling, backing up and shot selection (including some good defensive strokes) kept the scoreboard ticking over and wickets in hand. Owen (20*), Sasha (20*) and Aman (21*) all scored well and retired. With runs needed in the last couple of overs, Matty and Paolo both selflessly ended up run out without scoring. Ben (5*) and Andreas (2*) paired up for the last over. Both ran between wickets brilliantly and Ben scored the winning runs with four balls to spare. Zurich finished on 111-3. All three wickets were run outs and meant that no wickets were lost to the tricky bowling.

Result: Win by 4 wickets.

Zurich showed great belief and all contributed, playing excellently as a team in the field as well as when batting. Five of the team in the final have been with the team for only one season, and three of the team on Saturday only for a few months. To see such progress from the previous Basel Indoors tournament in March where they lost all their games on the first day and battled back to take third overall on the second day is great to see. The team spirit as well as the individual performances made a huge difference. The tournament All-rounder award could have been given to any of four of the Zurich players: Aman for his batting (71 runs at average of 35.5) and ever improving keeping; Owen for his batting (95 at average of 31.7) and bowling (2 wickets) or Vadim (64 runs, average of 16 and 5 wickets). In the end it just went to Sasha with 67 runs at 22.3 and four wickets of left arm swing and energy in the field and his score of 20 in the final just tipping the balance. The best batter award went to Kabir of Cossonay who only lost his wicket once for 90 runs and best bowler to Ross of Basel Dragons who took six wickets.

Huge thanks to Andrew and the rest of Basel for putting on a great tournament and making us all so welcome and feeding everyone so well. Also to all the teams for some great,

competitive cricket and to the players, some of whom played five games in one day. Special thanks to **Fynn** who played for Gingins Wanderers for all of Saturday. Finally thanks to Shafi for his coaching and organising of the team, Juliet, Vanessa and Anna for scoring and Grant for his advice and coaching on the day.

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Statistics

(including matches as guest players for Gingins, except Fynn who will be added when all scoresheets are available)

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Andreas	7.20	36.0	30.0	2.80	5-0-36-1
Ben	9.00	36.0	24.0	6.75	4-0-36-1
Ed	7.45	41.0	33.0	2.91	5.3-0-41-1
Matty	8.00	24.0	18.0	4.33	3-0-24-1
Owen	6.50	39.0	36.0	2.25	12-0-78-2
Paolo	6.00	-	-	2.80	5-0-30-0
Rafferty	8.60	43.0	30.0	4.40	5-0-43-1
Ryan	7.67	-	-	6.67	3-0-23-0
Sasha	5.20	19.5	22.5	1.53	15-1-78-4
Vadim	5.42	13.0	14.4	2.00	12-1-65-5
Willoughby	9.50	-	-	8.00	2-0-19-0

Batting

Batter	Average	Runs
Aman	35.5	71
Andreas		2
Ben	18.0	18
Ed	0.0	0
Matty	0.0	0
Owen	31.7	95
Paolo	0.0	0
Rafferty	9.0	27
Ryan		0
Sasha	22.3	67
Vadim	16.0	64
Willoughby		0