

ZCCC Basel Indoor U13 Report

30 & 31 March 2019

The second of the two indoor tournaments is hosted by Basel and the U13 event was hosted at Bäumlhof (Saturday) and Pfaffenholz (both days). Teams from Gingins, Lâ Chat, Luxembourg, Swiss U11s, Zurich and a combined Basel/Cossonay side competed for the trophy. The format was a 9 or 10-a-side, 20 overs pool competition. Zurich were joined by Josh and Anakait from GRYCC. Zurich were drawn into a tough pool with the finalists from the Gingins U13 tournament, Lâ Chat and Luxembourg.

Match 1: Luxembourg

Luxembourg U13 140-7 (Oscar 27, Leonardo 14; Danyal 1-12, Josh 1-14) bt ZCCC U13 139-8 (Shankar 25*, Roshan 20; Oscar 3-12, Lydie 2-17) by 2 wickets*

The first match was against Luxembourg, who had comprehensively beaten Zurich in the semi-finals in Geneva. Lydie for Luxembourg lost the toss and Sasha decided to set a total. The innings got off to a slow start, with accurate bowling and 10 fielders making runs hard to find. Sasha (2) sliced a slow ball to Stella at third man and Hayden (6) edged behind soon after. Ben (0) took on a ball that went past the keeper, but it bounced off the back wall straight back to gloveman Ayush who whipped off the bails leaving Zurich on 26-3. Arkan and Roshan looked to rebuild but struggled to get bat on ball or ball away. The pressure was released in the 9th over when Roshan took on Stella's bowling and managed a six and two fours, with the over going for 20 runs. However, Luxembourg's Sasha tightened the noose again with a maiden the following over. Arkan (6) went on to retire, and Roshan was joined by Shankar at the crease. Sadly Roshan didn't go on to score much more, top edging Oscar behind to Ayush. Shankar started to build, playing the ball into the gaps better than the top order. Danyal, Josh, Alexander and Anakait all managed to stick around for a few balls before getting out, bringing Arkan back leaving Zurich on 139-8.

Luxembourg's openers Sasha and Charlie got things off to a slightly brighter start than Zurich's, but runs were still hard to come by with accurate bowling from Danyal, Sasha and Roshan. Danyal was the first to strike with a wicket maiden in the 5th over, bowling Sasha. Josh followed suit the next over, removing Charlie. Bowled seemed to be the order of the day with Shankar knocking over Ayush the next over. The pitch and ball had a lot of bounce, with balls back of a length very difficult to play and all the bowlers controlling length well. With Luxembourg falling behind the required run rate, a flurry of run outs occurred with four coming in two overs, leaving them on 57-7 after 11. Oscar and Leonardo stuck to their task and took advantage of some unusually wayward bowling and slowly the RRR started to come down. Leonardo went on to retire and Sasha took the ball for the 19th over with 5 needed. The first went through for 2 byes. Stella couldn't get the next two away, but managed to scamper through for 2 on the fourth ball to level the scores. Another dot, but the next squirted to the wall for the one run needed to win the game.

Match 2: Lâ Chat

Lâ Chat U13 151-8 (Ki 32, Louis 26*; Sasha 3-10, Josh 1-11) bt ZCCC U13 148-4 (Hayden 22, Arkan 20*; Kai 1-18, Conor 1-21) by 2 wickets.*

The Zurich team smarted in seeing a game get away from them, and then watched Lâ Chat avenge the Gingins final by beating Luxembourg. This meant a win against Lâ Chat would bring a three team “super over” play off to decide the ranking and order of play on Sunday. Sasha won the toss again and again chose to set a total. Sasha and Hayden again faced testing bowling from Louis and Kai, but managed to find some runs before both being on the brink of retirement. Sasha (16) was the first to go, slapping Alexander straight back to the bowler. Hayden followed 4 balls later, Kai bowling him. Arkan and Ben looked to regroup, but run scoring was difficult. They both went on to retire, with Ben finishing on 14. Danyal (4) and Shankar (7) came to the crease with a couple of overs left, and were both out caught. Roshan (6) and Josh (2) took the score to 148-4.

In a similar start to the previous game, Kai and Conor found the gaps difficult to find with some excellent bowling from Danyal. Arkan struck second ball having Conor caught by Shankar. Sasha and Roshan kept things tight and only let 6 runs come from their two left-arm overs. Josh was the next to strike having Thomas (20) caught by Arkan at point. At this point the scores were fairly similar, and although Ben had Lucas plumb shuffling across his stumps, the next few overs were expensive with Kai and Louis taking advantage of any poor balls and the extras mounting. Sasha brought himself back on and knocked over Alexander and Luke with consecutive balls. Luca managed to defend the hatrick ball, but was bowled by Anakait in the next over. Unfortunately it was too little, too late and despite Sasha bowling Thomas P in the 18th over, Kai finished things off with a four off Danyal. This meant Zurich were third in their pool and would play the 5th/6th play off on Sunday.

5th/6th Playoff: Gingins

ZCCC U13 204-4 (Hayden 39, Shankar 26*, Roshan 26*; Mushaar 2-15, Will 1-16) bt Gingins U13 82 all out (Aditiya 33, Will 16; Josh 4-5, Arkan 2-15) by 122 runs*

The next day, play moved to the larger Pfaffenholz hall. Sasha won the toss and elected to bat again. Hayden and Sasha looked more fluent than on Saturday, but run scoring was still tough. Sasha holed out pulling a ball from Will straight down Mushaar’s throat at backward square. From there however, the Zurich top/middle order looked assured. Hayden went on to retire, as did Roshan, Shankar and Arkan. Shankar in particular revelled in the extra space to hit at a strike rate of 200. Danyal also put on runs quickly but played around a straight one from Aryan to finish on 17. Mushaar came back to take Ben and Alexander for a double wicket maiden, but this brought Hayden back with Josh (16*) who put on 25 together over the last two overs to finish on 204-4.

Aditiya and Will started brightly against Danyal and Roshan. Sasha managed to peg things back a little, going for 6 in his over. By the start of the 5th over the score was already 45,

with Aditiya retiring with a 6 off Arkan. Danyal came back on for the next over, and Will drove the first ball and it bounced off the wall to Sasha, who threw it to Hayden behind the stumps and Katie (0) was run out without facing a ball. Three balls later and Aryan had to go with Sasha throwing to Danyal at the bowler's end. Josh bowled Mushaar in his first over, and Arkan did the same to Sushanth. In Josh's next over he bowled Will and Jarred off the last two balls of his over, setting him up for a hatrick! Alexander had Nicky caught by Shankar, bringing Aditiya back. Josh came back on, and Aditiya tried to smash him, it snuck through the gap and Josh finished the innings with a hatrick!

Conclusions



The ZCCC and Gingins teams

Coming 5th in the tournament is a harsh reflection of the team's performance, especially after running Lâ Chat and Luxembourg close in group games. The team didn't take crucial chances in those games and ended up losing both.

Batting was tough, particularly on the Saturday with 10 players in the field and some excellent opening bowling from both Luxembourg and Lâ Chat. Things were a little easier for the middle order, and Shankar, Roshan and Arkan all batted well to setup totals to defend. Hayden was the side's leading run scorer, getting through tough spells and went on to score 39* in the game on Sunday.

The side bowled well, and consistently gave away fewer bowling extras than their competition. Danyal had great rhythm and pace and controlled his length well, especially on the Saturday when the extra bounce meant back of a length was tough to score from. Sasha turned around his bowling over the winter, adding extra pace to his control to finish with a niggardly economy of 3.83, and taking three wickets (as well as being on a hatrick). However, one bowler went on to take a hatrick and the most wickets in the tournament, and

that was GRYCC's Josh. He was awarded the bowler of the tournament award for his wicket taking, showing how control of line and length can take wickets.

The fielding was generally better in the first 10 overs than the second, but of a good standard overall. Catches were held and run outs taken, putting pressure on the opposition. Behind the stumps, Hayden had a tough time on Saturday having to take many balls above his head, but showed his class in the Sunday game, giving away no byes.

Many thanks to Jason for his excellent organisation of the tournament. Also thanks Lance for coaching the team. Connor (Swiss U11s) was awarded best batsman (83* off three innings), and Austin (Swiss U11s) was awarded the best fielder award. Well done to them all.

Position	Team
1	Basel Dragons/Cossonay
2	Lâ Chat
3	Luxembourg
4	Swiss U11s
5	Zurich Crickets
6	Gingins

Statistics

* denotes a GRYCC player, all others are ZCCC.

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Alexander	9.50	38.00	24.00	3.00	4-0-38-1
Anakait*	13.33	40.00	18.00	5.33	3-0-40-1
Arkan	7.75	31.00	24.00	0.50	8-0-62-2
Ben	9.20	46.00	30.00	5.60	5-0-46-1
Danyal	5.39	49.00	46.00	1.43	7.4-1-49-1
Josh*	4.86	5.00	6.17	0.65	6.1-0-30-6
Roshan	5.88	-	-	0.50	8-0-47-0
Sasha	3.83	7.67	12.00	0.33	6-0-23-3
Shankar	9.33	28.00	18.00	2.67	3-0-28-1

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
Alexander	2.5	5	50

Anakait*	0.0	0	0
Arkan	-	51	84
Ben	9.5	19	68
Danyal	9.0	27	150
Hayden	33.5	67	114
Josh*	26.0	26	144
Roshan	52.0	52	113
Sasha	8.7	26	59
Shankar	58.0	58	149

Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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