

ZCCC Romande Cup U13 Report

5 October 2019

Ten ZCCC players converged on a shower blighted Cossonay for the U13 instalment of the 2019 Romande Cup. The event is the last opportunity for outdoor cricket in 2019. With four teams (Basel Dragons/GRYCC, Cossonay/Gingins, La Chat, Zurich Crickets) the format of the event was two regional semi-finals followed by a 3rd/4th play off and then a final. All matches were 16 overs, aside from the final which was 18.

East Semi-final: Basel Dragons/GRYCC

ZCCC U13 126-3 (Danyal 22*, Sasha 20*; Sai 1-6, Connor 1-13) bt BDJCC/GRYCC U13 71 ao (Connor 9, Lasse 7; Sasha 2-3, Ben 1-4) by 55 runs

The BDJCC/GRYCC skipper, Connor, won the toss and opted to insert Zurich as the outfield was very damp. The innings didn't start well with big hitting Avneet (0) and Benjamin (3) both removed in the first two overs to Sai and Connor. Sasha and Danyal looked to rebuild, and both engaged in low risk cricket, pushing runs and working the gaps. The pair put on a 60 run partnership before Sasha retired with an inside out four over extra cover, bringing Andreas out. He was lucky to have a tough chance put down off his first ball, but soon found his rhythm and the partnership was only broken with Danyal retiring. A mix up saw Austin (3) depart to a run out, but Andreas (17*) and Shankar (3*) guided the team to 126-3 (over three times the score in the first semi!).

As Zurich and Basel play each other regularly, some recent experience meant Sasha unusually took the first over, but Connor guided it for a single. The next ball Sai (0) could only get a thin edge to be taken by the recent joiner Benjamin. Danyal struggled to get his line perfect and had a few wides just on the wide line go for extra runs. Sasha continued and bowled Vignesh (0) with an inswinger hitting the top of off-stump. Connor found runscoring difficult with sharp fielding and a slow outfield, and the pressure told with Connor looking to sweep Andreas and was stuck in front on the back pad. Pratyush (6) holed out a ball from Ben to Avneet the next over. Basel/GRYCC now faced an uphill battle with 89 needed in 5.1 overs, and with running the only option it is perhaps not surprising all the remaining wickets were run out. Lasse batted well in defense, and was only undone with a direct hit from Sasha. Basel/GRYCC managed to see out the overs with a runout from Sai on the last ball.

Final: La Chat

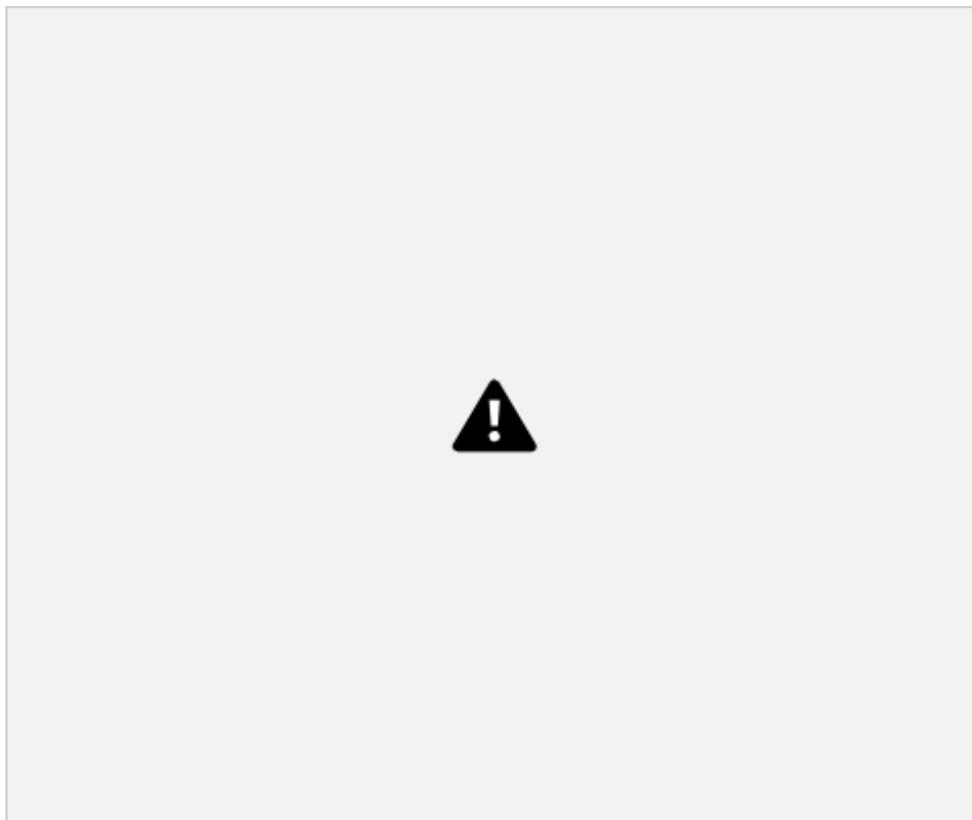
ZCCC U13 102-8 (Sasha 36*, Danyal 15; Alexander 3-9, Oscar 1-11) bt La Chat U13 70-7 (Kai 23*, Sam 4*; Sasha 3-7, Avneet 1-7) by 32 runs

In a repeat of the 2018 final, ZCCC would again face La Chat. La Chat won the toss and again ZCCC were inserted. The match got off to a similar start with Avneet (1) bowled by Harris. Sasha looked in decent touch but Kai's quality bowling still induced several

play-and-misses, until Sasha latched onto a half-volley for four through the extra-cover boundary. Danyal continued his busy running from the previous game and the pair put on 30 before Sasha retired. Danyal then saw himself run out with a suicidal two attempt. Andreas (2) fell the next over, done by a straight ball from Sam. Austin and Benjamin looked to consolidate, and started to rebuild before Austin (5) chipped a ball from Alexander back to the bowler. Shankar (1) flicked a ball to a grateful Finlay off Alexander and Ben (0) fell to him shortly after, chipping a ball to Erik at point. Benjamin (9) looked to go big after a circumspect innings but could only pick out Josh on the deep mid-wicket boundary. Attaully (1) had to go to a direct hit from Finlay, which brought Sasha back with Sai (1*). Sasha took control, looking to keep the strike with several chips over the infield for two, and finished the innings with a straight drive for 4.

So far the only side to post totals of 100+, Zurich were quietly confident, but knew that La Chat can be dangerous. Danyal was on the money and the La Chat openers struggled to get the ball away. Sasha then had Alexander (3) caught by Danyal at mid-off with his first delivery, and then James bowled with his third, bringing the dangerous Kai to the crease. The leg-side field was put back and Andreas bowled skilfully to contain the big hitter. Andreas was next to strike bowling a wide ball that Harris managed to toe end onto the pitch but for Benjamin to whip off the bails with him out of his ground. Kai retired with a quick fire 20, which brought Sam and Shehryaar together. Both found it difficult to get the ball away but also didn't lose their wicket. Both retired with the score 54-4 with 5 overs left. Avneet quickly bowled Finlay, and Oscar was run out by Sasha shortly after. Erik (4) showed some great timing before Sasha bowled him, which brought Kai back with 3 balls left and 35 needed. Andreas managed to run out Aditya on the last ball to complete an emphatic win for Zurich Crickets!

Conclusions



After a tough 2018/19 season, and a poor display in the Lemman Cup it was fantastic to see the side come together with two emphatic performances to regain the Romande Cup. The side looked well put together and had important contributions from two new joiners in Benjamin and Attauhly.

While pre-match form would have predicted some big hitting from Avneet and Benjamin, they didn't find form on the day. Fortunately there was some good "knuckling down" from the other batters. Andreas showed he is not just a pinch hitter with an intelligent innings against Basel/GRYCC. Danyal's batting has gone from strength to strength, and he proved a critical anchor in both games - a departure from previous "clear the rope" roles he has performed. Sasha was the stand out, displaying patience as well as technique and finished the day as leading run scorer with 58 runs without being dismissed. Zurich were the only side to pass 100 in the day.

The bowling was strong, especially given a wet ball in the semi-final. The bowling frustrated the opposition and in some cases bought a wicket. Danyal was quick and difficult to deal with and wickets were spread around with Avneet and Ben getting in the action. New player Attaulhy did well on his first outing too. Seemingly gaining confidence from his batting however was Sasha who was the day's leading wicket taker with figures of 5-1-10-5.

The fielding was probably the strongest area, with balls cut off, and run outs from Sai, Austin, Andreas, Attaulhy and Sasha. Benjamin slotted into the side well as wicket keeper, taking a caught behind and assisting in a couple of run outs.

Many thanks to Jon and Cossonay for hosting the event and Baljit and Ivan for their support of the side during the day. With the account open for the season, it is time to move indoors and regain the Gingins trophy!

Position	Team
1	Zurich Crickets
2	La Chât
3	Basel Dragons/GRYCC
4	Cossonay/Gingins

Statistics

Bowling

Bowler	Economy	Average	Strike Rate	Extras per Over	Analysis
Andreas	5.20	13.00	15.00	0.80	5-0-26-2
Attaulhy	5.00	-	-	5.00	2-0-10-0
Austin	4.50	-	-	2.00	4-0-18-0
Avneet	3.67	11.00	18.00	3.33	3-0-11-1
Ben L	3.33	-	-	2.67	3-0-10-0
Danyal	4.20	-	-	2.80	5-0-21-0
Sai	4.67	-	-	2.00	3-1-14-0
Sasha	2.00	2.00	6.00	0.00	5-1-10-5
Shankar	2.75	-	-	1.50	4-0-11-0

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
Andreas	19.0	19	83
Attaulhy	1.0	1	50
Austin	4.0	4	44
Avneet	0.5	1	25
Ben L	0.0	0	0
Benjamin B	6.0	12	60
Danyal	37.0	37	93
Sai	-	1	25
Sasha	-	56	97

Shankar	4.0	4	40
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Average: runs scored per times dismissed

Runs: runs scored

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