

ZCCC Summer Cup U11 Tournament Report

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Like everything else, cricket was also impacted by the ongoing Covid crisis. Fortunately the situation in Switzerland improved enough to allow sport to return. Zurich Crickets hosted a Summer Cup at the Bachgraben Astroturf, Basel. Approximately 36 players from around the country got together to play a 4-team 16 over tournament. The format was a round-robin giving each team an opportunity to play one another, followed by a 3rd/4th play off and Final.

Results

Match 1 ZCCC U11 v BDJCC U11

ZCCC U11s 116-1 (Dhruv 20*, Furqan 16*, Fynn 15*; Ayaan 1-6) bt BDJCC U11s 69-5 (Joshka 18*; Avik 2-6, Harsh 1-3, Ishaan 1-8) by 47 runs

BDJCC U11s won the toss and elected to bowl first. Fynn 16*(20) and Furqan 15* (20) opened the batting for ZCCC. Both slowly started to display their skill at running between the wickets and stealing quick singles, including a few cheeky byes. After Fynn's retirement, Dhruv 20* (15) started scoring briskly. Furqan retired with the team on a total of 50. After losing Tejas 1 (3) early, Vedant 9 (16) gave good support to Dhruv, who hit a couple of amazing boundaries to become the first batsman in the tournament to retire on runs. With the score on 80 and a little over two overs to go, it looked like ZCCC would finish close to 100. But Ishaan 10 (10) and Vedant took 24 runs in the last two overs to finish on 116.

BDJCC started their chase steadily with Joshka 18* (42) and Emaad 1 (3), before Avik (2-6) got the breakthrough getting Emaad bowled. Apart from lone effort from Joshka, no one from the BDJCC team could stitch together a partnership and regular wickets kept falling. Vidheya 3 (8) and Tejas K 2 (7) were the only other batsmen contributing to the score. From ZCCC, Harsh (1-3) and Ishaan (1-8) got the wickets. At the end of innings BDJCC scored 69-5. ZCCC won by 47 runs.

Match 2 ZCCC U11 v Vaud U11

ZCCC U11s 120-6 (Furqan 14*, Dhruv 14, Tejas 10*; Samanyu 3-21, Anhad 2-14) bt Vaud 93-4 (Ruben 15*, Aadi 10, Anakait 9*; Tejas 1-8, Harsh 1-8, Faizan 1-17) by 27 runs

Vaud U11s won the toss and elected to bowl first. Having 7 players from GRYCC and Gingins, Vaud had a very well balanced team.

Nicky and Anhad (2-20) shared the new ball. From ZCCC, Fynn 9 (10) and Furqan 14* (20) started the innings. Gaining confidence from the previous innings Furqan was in top running form. We always talk about converting singles into two and twos into three, Furqan's amazing running between the wickets just did that. Anhad got the first wicket when he had Fynn bowled. This was Fynn's first dismissal in the cricketing calendar year, playing for ZCCC. The departure of Fynn brought Dhruv 14 (9) to the crease. He continued his form with a couple of lovely boundaries before top edging one to Nicky at deep square leg. Furqan's (sometimes heart

stopping) excellent running meant ZCCC were racing towards a huge score. Furqan and Tejas 10* (20) had a nice partnership before they both retired. Vaud made a good comeback to restrict the ZCCC total to 120 runs.

Chasing a stiff target of 120, Nicky and Henry started watchfully before an excellent fielding effort from Dhruv and Fynn got Henry run out. Soon Harsh (1-8) got the prize wicket of Nicky. Tejas (1-8) and Faizan M (1-17) got more wickets to put the match out of reach for Vaud. Ruben 15(13) and Aadi 10 (17) tried their best to provide a last minute push but Vaud were 93-4 at the end of their 16 overs. ZCCC won by 27 to continue their unbeaten run during the 2019/20 cricket season.

Match 3 Vaud U11 v Dragonflies

Vaud U11s 61-2 (Ruben 20*, Samanyu 8; Raed 1-4, Siddhant 1-8) bt Dragonflies 59-5 (V Pravin 10; Aadi B 1-2, Anhad 1-4, Anakait 1-8) by 6 wickets

With aim for development for all, a mixed team of U9s and beginner level U13 players (from ZCCC, Basel and GRYCC) were included to give them exposure to the game. All the teams agreed to reverse their batting and bowling orders, also this gave opportunity to their second line players. In their first match Dragonflies played against Vaud. All U9 players in Dragonflies were on debut.

Vaud won the toss and elected to bowl first. Alfie 0* (20) and Visisht Pravin 10* (20) opened batting for Dragonflies both retired on balls faced. With contributions from Moksh 1 (9) and Siddhant 1 (13) and 47 extras meant Dragonflies finished with 59-5.

Ruben 20* (18) and Samanyu 8* (20) started the chase for Vaud. After the retirement of the openers, Siddhant (1-8) cleaned bowled Raiyan and Raed (1-4) had Aditya caught behind by Visisht bringing some excitement into the game. Anhad 5* (10) and Anikait 2* (8) made sure the target was achieved in the 13th over.

Although Dragonflies could not register a win, they certainly won many hearts with their enthusiasm and exciting display of cricketing skills.

Match 4 BDJCC U11 v Dragonflies

BDJCC U11s 63-3 (Vidheya 9*, Emaad 5*; Alfie 0-4) bt Dragonflies 61-6 (Alfie 4*, Siddhant 2*; Tejas K 2-8, Vidheya 1-5, Henry K 1-6) by 5 wickets

The last match of the day was played between Dragonflies and BDJCC. BDJCC won the toss and elected to bowl first. With Siddhant 2* (20) and Alfie 4* (8) and little help from Mr Extras (54), Dragonflies set a target of 62. Tejas K (2/8), Vidheya Singh (1/5), Henry (1/6) and Kabir (1/7) were among the wicket takers.

BDJCC achieved the target in 13th over giving a chance to all their players to have some good batting practice. Yet another excellent fielding display by Dragonflies, three runouts (two by Alfie and one by B Ganesh), made everyone believe that the future of junior cricket is in good hands.

After the first day of the tournament, the points table looked like below

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Points
ZCCC U11	2	2	0	6
Vaud U11s	2	1	1	3
BDJCC U11s	2	1	1	1
Dragonflies	2	0	2	0

Match 5 BDJCC U11s v Vaud U11s

Vaud U11s 105-4 (Aadi 18, Nicky 13; Vidheya 1-19, Emaad 1-19) bt BDJCC U11s 65 all out (Joshka 17, Vidheya 4; Samanyu 2-13, Anhad 1-12, Anakait 1-19) by 40 runs

The next day's opening match Vaud v BDJCC was a virtual semi final. The winner would go through to play the final against ZCCC.

BDJCC won the toss and elected to bowl first. From Vaud Nicky 13 (16) and Anakait 5 (13) opened the innings. Vaud did not begin well and were 55-4 in 9 overs with Nicky, Anakait, Ruben and Anhad 2 (3) all back in the hutch. BDJCC decided to bowl out their best bowler in search of few more wickets, with Joshka 0-14 finishing his 3 overs. At this stage BDJCC were in control of the match.

However with the introduction to back up bowlers and some excellent batting by Aaditya 18 (17) and Samanyu 5* (17) made sure Vaud were not left far behind. Unfortunately with help from some unforced errors (60 extras) made sure Vaud had a total of 105 by the end of their 16 overs.

Chasing a target of 106 to make it to the final required BDJCC to begin well, however a run out by Samanyu meant BDJCC lost Tejas K 0 (2) very early in the match. Apart from Joshka 17 (34) no other batsman was able to accelerate and BDJCC were all out for 65.

This victory of 40 runs put Vaud U11 in the final with ZCCC U11s and BDJCC U11 were set to play 3rd/4th place play off with Dragonflies.

Match 6 ZCCC U11s v Dragonflies

ZCCC U11s 117-6 (Tejas 18*, Vedant 18*, Fynn 13; Siddhant 2-9, Raed 2-23) bt Dragonflies 32 all out (Siddhant 2, B Girish 2; Furqan 2-3, Vedant 2-4, Faizan 2-8) by 85 runs

Even though the knockout stages were finalized, the last match between ZCCC and Dragonflies had all to play for. ZCCC won the toss and elected to bat first.

Harsh and Faizan 4 (7) opened the batting for ZCCC, but things didn't start well for ZCCC as Harsh got out an excellent delivery from Raed. Soon Siddhant (2-9) (playing on his birthday) got 2 wickets in an over by getting Faizan LBW and Avik 2 (4) bowled. Things were looking all set for a huge upset in the tournament when Girish B got Ishaan 3(7) out with an excellent catch by Raed, with ZCCC struggling on 26-4.

Vedant 18* (22) and Tejas 18* (20) played perfectly to rebuild the innings to give ZCCC a respectable total. The turning point of the innings was when Tejas hooked Moksh's delivery to deep fine leg, and Alfie took a blinder, only to be saved by no-ball.

With 4 overs to go and Vedant and Tejas retiring, Dhruv 1 (3) and Furqan 4 (8) were all set to accelerate but a huge misunderstanding between them, and an accurate throw from Siddhant meant Dhruv was runout and soon Raed had Furqan bowled. This brought Fynn 13 (11) and Vedant back to crease. ZCCC reached 117 at the end of their innings, their 3rd straight 100+ score.

Like their batting, ZCCC opened the bowling with Faizan (2-8) and Harsh (0-7), who both bowled their full quota and got some great practice before the final. Vedant (2/4) and Furqan (2/3) were the other wicket takers.

ZCCC secured an 85 run victory, extending their unbeaten run in the 2019-20 season.

Knockout results

Play off BDJCC U11s v ZCCC U11

BDJCC U11s 76-3 (Vidheya 8*, Emaad 8*, Joshka 7*; Alfie 2-12) bt Dragonflies 74 all out (Vishist Pravin 3, Moksh 2; Vidheya 3-8, Emaad 3-12) by 5 wkts

BDJCC won the toss and bowled first. Within a span of 4 matches one could see great improvement in Dragonflies team, rather than going for slog every ball, we could see their willingness to try and play out the full quota of 16 overs. Visisht 3 (8) and Moksh 2 (7) were top scorers. Dragonflies were all out on the last ball of the innings with Siddhant 0* (10). Dragonflies achieved their highest total of the tournament with 74. For Basel, Vidheya (3-8) and Emaad (3-12) were among the wicket takers.

BDJCC chased the target of 75 comfortably with Vidheya 8* (15), Emaad 8* (17) and Joshka 7* (8) contributing, and from Dragonflies Alfie (2/12) was the pick of the bowlers.

With this win BDJCC U11s won the 3rd place and Dragonflies finished 4th. From a ZCCC perspective, the performance of their 7 year olds (Siddhant, Alfie and Moksh) in team Dragonflies was very assuring.

Final ZCCC U11s v Vaud U11s

ZCCC U11s 122-3 (Furqan 20*, Tejas 17*, Vedant 9; Samanyu 2-19, Anakait 1-26) bt Vaud 113-6 (Nicky 20*, Aadi 18*, Ruben 13; Tejas 2-16, Ishaan 1-17, Vedant 1-18) by 9 runs

The final of the Summer Cricket Cup tournament was between two of the tournament favourite teams: ZCCC and Vaud.

ZCCC won the toss and elected to bat first in the all important final match. The formidable pair of Fynn 9 (18) and Furqan 20* (26) started the innings and Nicky opened the bowling. Some excellent cricket and running between the wickets meant ZCCC were 56 for no loss at the halfway stage. Soon after Furqan's retirement, Dhruv 7 (3) joined Fynn and hit the first ball for a wonderful four. The next ball was a well run three but then a lapse in concentration resulted in Samanyu (2-19) getting Fynn and Dhruv out in the 9th over. It looked like now Vaud's excellent bowling attack would turn the tables, but some responsible batting by Tejas 17 (19) and Ishan 4 (9) kept the scoreboard ticking. At a crucial stage of the match Ishaan was stumped in a little controversial fashion with 7 balls to spare and the score at 110. It was up to Vedant 9* (4) and Tejas to try and get as many runs as possible. Tejas and Vedant both ran well between the wickets and Vedant got 7 runs off the last 3 balls including pulling Samanyu for 4 through the square-leg boundary. ZCCC was able to achieve their highest score in the tournament of 122.

Nicky 20* (12) and Henry 0 (3) opened the innings for Vaud. Chasing a big target, Nicky began with a superb four and looked in excellent form with 10 runs coming in the first over. However Tejas gave his team a big breakthrough by getting Henry caught and bowled and Kabir 0 (5) stumped by Fynn. Vaud lost their third wicket when Anhad 4 (4) was run out with some excellent fielding by Fynn. With Nicky retiring, it looked like ZCCC had the control of the game and it was further confirmed when Vedant bowled Anikait 0 (5). However, Aditya 18* (25) and Ruben 13 (10) had other ideas. They hit four boundaries between them and kept Vaud on track to achieve the target. Ishaan wicket of Ruben's put the match in slightly ZCCC favour.

With 33 runs required in the last 3 overs, Fynn produced an excellent over under pressure, giving away just 5 runs. The penultimate over was bowled by Faizan with Vaud needing 28 of the last two. With the first ball going for four, followed by a wide it was looking like Vaud may still be in the game, but Faizan showed a great composure by making sure just 4 runs were given off the remaining 3 balls. With 18 runs required off the last over, Furqan was brought into the attack. With the wicket of Samanyu on his second ball and just 6 runs given away meant ZCCC won Summer Cricket Cup 2020 and also maintained their unbeaten run in the full cricketing season. It is indeed a great achievement for our U11s (some of them are 8 and 9 year old) to not lose a single cricket match in the whole season as ZCCC.

Conclusions

Zurich Crickets U11 continued their unbeaten track record by winning the Summer Cup trophy. Every player contributed to this feat.

In batting Fynn and Furqan gave excellent starts in every innings and never let the middle order come under pressure. Dhruv's played his role as the one-down batsman like a pro, with a strike rate of 140. All three made sure at least one of them retired to have a backup in case of a collapse. It was heartening to see how the middle order performed. Tejas, Vedant and Ishaan played according to the team's requirements: Ishaan and Vedant getting 20 in the last two overs in the tournament opener; Tejas holding the fort against Vaud in the second match; Vedant and Tejas rebuilding the innings after a 26-4 start; and again Tejas and Vedant again took crucial 12 runs in the last 7 balls of the final match.

Bowlers win the matches and that's what our U11 bowlers have done many times. Avik is always a wicket taking bowler, not only he took crucial wickets but also showed great accuracy. Dhruv is as fast as it comes at this level, and he bowled his heart out. The pressure created by Dhruv resulted in wickets at the other end as batsmen tried to break free. Tejas's bowling in the final gave us an early advantage which helped keep the pressure on. Vedant bowled well on the second day and got important wickets. Faizan bowled penultimate over in final and was able to not let the opposition get away with any easy runs. Ishaan is improving as a bowler every game and also provides important breakthroughs. Tejas, Vedant and Faizan took 3 wickets to be top 3 wicket takers for ZCCC in the tournament. Fynn and Furqan also bowled in critical stages of matches. Harsh playing in his first tournament got the most important wicket in match 2.

Winning the final tournament of the cricketing season 2019-20 ZCCC U11 registered a grand slam. Starting from the Romande Cup to the Summer Cricket cup.

This win was a fitting farewell to players graduating to U13s. This is a déjà vu moment, last year the three "As" graduated, and the little Fynns and Dhurv's had to step up for a leading role, which they did and now it is time for Dhruv, Vedant, Tejas and Avik to do the same. Looking at our U9s with Harsh, Siddhant, Alfie, Moksh and Ben it looks like the future is in good hands!!

ZCCC Statistics

Batting

rank	player	matc	inning	no	4	6	HS	Runs	Avg	BF	Strike Rate
1	Furqan Ali Khan	4	4	3	2	0	20*	54	54	74	72.97
3	Fynn Bosshard	4	4	2	2	0	15*	46	23	59	77.97
5	Tejas Gokuldas	4	4	3	2	0	18*	46	46	62	74.19
7	Dhruv Nair	4	4	1	5	0	20*	42	14	30	140
9	Vedant Chorvada	4	4	3	1	0	18*	36	36	53	67.92
11	Ishaan Pawaskar	4	4	1	1	0	10*	23	7.67	37	62.16
23	Faizan M	4	2	0	0	0	4	4	2	8	50
28	Avik Shrivastav	4	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	8	25
31	Harsh Sharma	3	2	1	0	0	1*	1	1	3	33.33

Bowling

Rank	Player	Mat	Ovrs	M	R	W	BBI	Ave	S/R	Ecn
5	Tejas Gokuldas	4	7	1	29	3	2/16	9.67	14	4.14
8	Vedant Chorvada	4	6	0	44	3	2/4	14.67	12.33	7.14
9	Faizan M	4	7	0	46	3	2/8	15.33	14	6.57
11	Harsh Sharma	3	7	1	18	2	1/3	9	21	2.57
12	Avik Shrivastav	4	7	0	36	2	2/6	18	21	5.14
13	Ishaan Pawaskar	4	7	0	36	2	1/8	18	21	5.14
15	Furqan Ali Khan	4	7	0	37	2	2/3	18.5	21	5.29
34	Dhruv Nair	4	7	1	30	0	0/6	-	-	4.29
35	Fynn Bosshard	4	5	0	21	0	0/5	-	-	4.2

Fielding + Keeping

Rank	Player	Catches	Stumpings	run outs assistd	Run outs unassisted
2	Tejas Gokuldas	3	0	0	1
5	Furqan Ali Khan	2	0	0	0
6	Fynn Bosshard	1	3	1	1
9	Faizan M	1	0	0	1
19	Dhruv Nair	0	0	1	0

Our three U7 players also played with Dragonflies

rank	player	matc	inning	no	4	6	HS	Runs	Avg	BF	Strike Rate
21	Siddhant Chorvada	4	4	2	0	0	2*	5	2.5	51	9.8
22	Moksh Marwaha	4	4	0	0	0	2	4	1	36	11.11
24	Alfie Coulson	4	4	3	0	0	4*	4	4	41	9.76

rank	player	matc	inning	no	4	6	HS	Runs	Avg	BF	Strike Rate
21	Siddhant Chorvada	4	4	2	0	0	2*	5	2.5	51	9.8
22	Moksh Marwaha	4	4	0	0	0	2	4	1	36	11.11
24	Alfie Coulson	4	4	3	0	0	4*	4	4	41	9.76

Rank	Player	Run outs unassisted
15	Alfie Coulson	2
16	Siddhant Chorvada	1

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