

Hi all,

The reason why you are receiving this e-mail is to provide you with a bit of feedback (my observations) from U11 tournament in Zuoz. If you were not there, but a part of the U11squad, I believe it is still useful to get a bit of exposure of what happened as well as to learn some lessons from the others.

I always enjoy seeing the camaraderie and great team spirit of the GCC coming through each player encouraging one another. Let's keep up the good work, the team has developed tremendously since November.

I have used the score sheets to provide a summary of the matches, and will use the numbers to help you develop further. Also the statistics for the U11 Zuoz tournament has been updated.

#### 1. Batting:

| Player (GCC U11)         | Batting Innings | Not Out                     | Runs scored | Est Balls Faced | Average | Est strike rate |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Nikhilesh Acharya        | 5               | 1                           | 18          | 41              | 4.50    | 43.90           |
| Ricky Bucheli            | 5               | 1                           | 14          | 18              | 3.50    | 77.78           |
| Meera Chatoo             | 0               | Did not get a chance to bat |             |                 |         |                 |
| Wilf Chisholm            | 5               | 3                           | 32          | 80              | 16.00   | 40.00           |
| Arjun Gill               | 5               | 3                           | 37          | 97              | 18.50   | 38.14           |
| Lucas Launay             | 4               | 2                           | 0           | 19              | -       | -               |
| Charlie Martin           | 4               | 1                           | 19          | 49              | 6.33    | 38.78           |
| Gianni St Hilaire        | 5               | 0                           | 7           | 38              | 1.40    | 18.42           |
| Gregor Wellard           | 4               | 2                           | 11          | 34              | 5.50    | 32.35           |
| Team tournament totals   | 37              | 13                          | 138         | 376             | 5.75    | 36.70           |
| Team tournament averages | 7.4             | 2.6                         | 27.6        | 75.2            | 5.75    | 36.70           |

#### Notes:

Est Balls faced: The scorers do not always keep a very accurate ball-by-ball account for each batsman. Therefore I look at the score sheet and estimate how many balls each batsman has faced. It is not 100% accurate but a relatively good indicator of the pace at which we have scored runs during the tournament.

Est strike rate: This is based on the Est Balls faced, and is how many runs the batsman would score should he/she face 100 balls.

Another thing to note: Although there might not appear to be a lot of runs off the bat, there were a fair number of wides, no-balls and byes - which are not credited to the facing batsmen, therefore do not feature under the batting statistics.

We averaged about 72 runs per match, so we were also gifted a lot of extra runs by the opposing bowlers.

Average: This is the number of runs scored off the bat divided by the number of times a batsman is out ('Innings' minus 'not out').

## 2. Bowling :

| Player    | Overs bowled | balls bowled | wickets | maidens | runs | wides | no-balls | bowling average | econ rate | extras per over bowled |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|------|-------|----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Nikhilesh | 2            | 12           | 0       | 0       | 10   | 3     | 0        |                 | 5.00      | 1.50                   |
| Ricky     | 10           | 61           | 5       | 2       | 37   | 7     | 0        | 12.20           | 3.64      | 0.69                   |
| Meera     | 1            | 6            | 0       | 0       | 3    | 1     | 0        |                 | 3.00      | 1.00                   |
| Wilf      | 15           | 90           | 6       | 4       | 32   | 2     | 1        | 15.00           | 2.13      | 0.20                   |
| Arjun     | 14           | 85           | 4       | 0       | 41   | 5     | 2        | 21.25           | 2.89      | 0.49                   |
| Lucas     | 5            | 30           | 0       | 0       | 21   | 8     | 0        |                 | 4.20      | 1.60                   |
| Charlie   | 10           | 59           | 1       | 2       | 44   | 11    | 0        | 59.00           | 4.47      | 1.12                   |
| Gianni    | 8            | 48           | 0       | 0       | 43   | 13    | 2        |                 | 5.38      | 1.88                   |
| Gregor    | 7            | 39           | 4       | 0       | 27   | 3     | 1        | 9.75            | 4.15      | 0.62                   |
| Total     | 72           | 430          | 20      | 8       | 258  | 53    | 6        | 21.50           | 3.60      | 0.82                   |
| Average   | 14.4         | 86           | 4       | 1.6     | 51.6 | 10.6  | 1.2      | 21.50           | 3.60      | 0.82                   |

### Notes:

**balls bowled:** For those mathematicians out there, if the last wicket falls, or the winning runs scored against us in the middle of an over, then the number of balls bowled will not be divisible by 6.

Also, if the bowler needs to re-bowl the ball in the final overs of the match because of an extra this will also be reflected in the number.

**runs:** I took only the runs conceded off the bat and from the wides or no-balls. If an extra run was scored, it is considered a bye, and does not count against the bowler's stats.

Remember - sometimes a fielder misfields, or does not back-up nicely and there are overthrows - unfortunately, these count against the bowlers' numbers.

**wickets:** the bowler does not get credited with a wicket if there is a 'run-out' during his over.

**bowling average:** the number of balls bowled on average between wickets claimed by the bowler. If the bowler has not taken a wicket, he/she does not have a bowling average.

**economy rate:** the number of runs, on average per over, conceded by the bowler off the bat or through wides and no-balls.

**maiden overs:** These come when there are no runs scored, off the bat, or through a wide or no-ball; byes and leg-byes are not included.

**extras per over:** This is the average of extras given up by the bowlers per over. The aim would be for the whole team to get below 0.5 on this stat. At 0.82 per over gives the opposition an extra 26 runs in a 16 over match.

I think the extras per over has improved over time. This is still one of those areas that will always be a focus of improvement.

### 3. Fielding :

| Player    | Catches | Run-outs<br>Fielding |
|-----------|---------|----------------------|
| Nikhilesh |         | 0                    |
| Ricky     | 1       | 1                    |
| Meera     |         |                      |
| Wilf      |         | 1                    |
| Arjun     | 1       | 1                    |
| Lucas     |         |                      |
| Charlie   |         | 1                    |
| Gianni    |         | 1                    |
| Gregor    |         |                      |
| Total     | 2       | 5                    |
| Average   | 0.4     | 1                    |

Although there is less space provided for fielding analysis in this write-up, it is one of the more important aspects of cricket.

- There were a number of dropped catches, some of which were difficult chances.
- There were also number of run out opportunities where:
  - The ball was not picked up cleanly,
  - The throw was not accurate enough,
  - The ball was thrown to the wrong end.

These are all a part of the game, and it happens even at the highest level of cricket. It is something we can work on to improve.

### 4. Run rates

Using the score sheets from each match, I have summarised the totals and averages from each over we batted. In the matches where we did not play to our full potential, we lost wickets early, and this prevented us from scoring runs more freely towards the end of the innings.

|                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Overs             | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14   | 15  | 16  |
| Total (runs)      | 13  | 15  | 14  | 13  | 24  | 24  | 29  | 17  | 18  | 23  | 31  | 30  | 12  | 21   | 12  | 18  |
| Average (runs)    | 2.6 | 3   | 2.8 | 2.6 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 6   | 2.4 | 5.25 | 6   | 9   |
| Total (wickets)   | 2   | 3   | 1   | 3   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 2    | 1   | 5   |
| Average (wickets) | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0   | 0   | 0.2 | 0   | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4  | 0.2 | 2.5 |

In the first four overs of the match we lost on average about two wickets. This is a time when the opposition's best bowlers are generally bowling. In the middle overs, we have started to play more freely, or were given more extras as the less strong bowlers were bowling.

During the last four overs, it is a bit difficult because we were bowled out once, chased the required runs once and played a shortened match due to time constraints. But generally, when we had wickets in hand, we really went after the runs – even when we were running out of wickets.

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