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Captain's Report 2021

Years are usually eulogised at their conclusion; this is indeed a very special year as cricket resumed normally and a big relief in being allowed to use our home ground during the season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in enabling us to use the CERN home ground. COVID is still showing its glimpses here and there and we continue to follow the strict covid guidelines during our matches.

This season it was my honour to captain the CERN cricket team. I would like to thank Alexander Brown for scheduling a total 17 games and only one match was cancelled. Many of our players were able to participate post Covid-19 lock down and we also managed to attract some new players to strengthen the club. **Total 25 players** participated this year. I would like to thank Leo Joseph, for joining the CERN CC.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Chris Onions for his invaluable guidance. In addition, on the behalf of team, I would like to thank John Osborne, Wayne Salter for all the support and guidance. I would also like to thank Dawood Ahmed and Bilal Kiani for their support.

The highlight of the season was the League game Vs GE XISTARS and Geneva Sri Lankans CC, where we defeated them both and qualified for the CSNL Quarter Final. We bowled XIStars out for 193. Paul took 5, Jibran, Saud and Dawood took one wicket respectively. An excellent batting was displayed from the start by Matthew (74), Saud (38), Leo 35 helped us achieving the target in just 31 overs.

Similarly, we bowled GSLCC out for 218. Irsalan took 3, Pardeep and Jibran took two wickets respectively. From a top order batting collapse for 41/6, the game was revived by Leo (75) and Dawood (74*) with an excellent chase. Both these important wins enabled us a spot in the quarter final.

I would like to congratulate Jibran Shabbir as an emerging player for CERN, he has developed excellent bowling and fielding skills.

Finally, I would like to all the players for participating this year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season. Please stay safe and see you all next year.