

Captain's report 2022

This season, we lost 13 and won 9 games. CERN CC played 9 CSNL matches, winning 5 out of the 9. It gives me immense satisfaction to share with everyone that CERN CC has been promoted to play in the Cricket Switzerland Premier League for next season. The league matches were off to a rough start losing the first 3 matches early into the season. These 3 crucial matches in the early stages allowed us to find the best combination for the team and from then on, CERN went on to win all the next 5 league matches taking us into the final against Basel CC.

A total of 50 players represented the club in various formats of the game. Many congratulations to Irsalan for winning the single wicket competition this year and for being the highest wicket taker for CERN CC with a total of 26 wickets. A special mention to Vignesh Sethuraman (Vicky) and Claston for their solid partnership against Pakhtoon CC in the semi-final.

This year, CERN CC only had the enjoyment of witnessing only 1 century by vice-captain Leo Joseph against Rhone CC in a friendly match. There were a total of 11 half-centuries and 6 in crucial league matches split between Vicky, Sam and Matthew. Newcomer Sam Grayling averaging 34.16 for this season in just 5 matches. A very special congratulations to Richard Parker for his brilliant bowling this season, taking 12 wickets in 4 matches with a best of 5 for 14 in the semi-final against Pakhtook CC.

It has been a pleasure to have led the side this season and I thank everyone for their hard work and efforts. As a team, we all went through emotional turbulence in all the league matches. However, it was determination, appreciation and understanding of each other which led us to the position of runners-up for 2022. I would like to thank everyone who was involved this season with assisting in preparing the ground, the hut, help with catering for home matches and umpiring throughout the season. Lastly, I would like to thank and express my gratitude to CERN for continuing to provide us with one of the best cricket grounds in Switzerland.

I look forward to a rewarding and triumphant season next year.

Matthew Martin