

**LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 20**

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	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>P</b>
CASTAWAYS	18	17	0	156	24	54	210
CREDEX	18	16	0	156	24	54	210
TREASURY A	18	13	0	114	66	54	168
NAT WEST	18	10	2	108	72	54	162
MORPETH	18	11	0	106	74	54	160
PRO	19	6	3	87	103	57	144
COMETS	19	8	2	89	101	54	143
EMPLOYMENT	18	9	1	87	93	51	138
TREASURY B	18	4	0	51	129	54	105
BTB	18	1	0	26	154	54	80
SEDCOPIANS	18	1	0	20	160	51	71

Bonus points shown in penultimate column. Ultimate column shows total points from sets won and bonuses

**COMMENTARY****Week 24 (Missing commentary)**

I failed to comment on Treasury B's match against Sedcopians. This was a relegation battle but there was only one winner and that was Treasury B. The margin of the victory surprised me – it was 10-0. David Shore won all his sets three straight. Tony Dight did the same, conceding a stingy 37 points all evening. Life was a bit tougher for John Colgan and he was pushed all the way by Rod Fitzgerald before eventually winning 11-4 in the fifth. The doubles was the best set of the night. A real seesaw battle that Seds narrowly lost 11-5 in the fifth. This was the first time Treasury B have won a match 10-0 in this Division for some years. In a trip down memory lane, the last time it happened was 10 February 2010 when a Treasury B team of Jeremy Jones, Petko Guimichev and Ian Buchanan whitewashed Bank, who fielded Mike Goldby, Rick (?) Salmon and Les(?) Samuels (in those days, results came in on paper and no Bank Christian names were shown on the card).

**Week 26**

The week opens with a potentially cracking match between Nat West and Morpeth – the battle for fourth spot. In fact it turned out to be a runaway victory for Morpeth. First set of the night was always going to be close as Sammy Bekele is just three places above Tony Catt in the Men's National rankings. Tony took a two ends to one lead but Sammy won the fourth end to keep himself in the set. The final end was also close but it was Tony who defied the averages and won the set 11-7 in the fifth. Looking back on this fixture it was really all about team selection with Morpeth fielding their best team, which Nat West wasn't able to do. Morpeth ran off a string of wins interrupted only by success for Catt over Blyuss and Chambers (both highly competitive sets). The night ended with a bang in a very long and incredibly close doubles, which probably should have been declared a draw, but Morpeth won 12-10 in the fifth after 115 points had been played (that's closer than all five ends ending 12-10!). That set an all-time Divisional record for the most points played in a single set. So, 7-3 to Morpeth but I admit to some sympathy for Nat West if they went home feeling a bit hard done by. Treasury B all but escaped the fears of relegation with a 9-1 win over BTB. No sets required a fifth end but five sets ended at the fourth end. Geoff Waterhouse took an end of Tony Dight, Ross Roberts did the same with Shore and Dight, but Flavinda Xavier was BTB's star taking an end off Dight and beating John Colgan. A closer match than the score suggests. Credex continued their relentless march towards the title with a 10-0 win over PRO. Not much to say about this match as it was all one-way traffic. Jai Persaud took an end off Perry Fung and Persaud and Turner both took an end off Gilles Soulier, but that was as good as it got for PRO. Castaways were always going to have trouble with Comets and their match started in the worst possible manner for them with Steve Fagan beating Pete Harris. That reversed the result in the first half when Pete won in four ends. On paper, the scores suggest Steve was playing very well. Things looked even worse in the second set when Steve Codrington was two ends to one up on Keld Jaksland. The fourth end was close but Keld just shaded it 11-9. That seemed to turn the match as Keld won the final end comfortably by 11-4. Fagan then inflicted another blow on Castaways' title hopes beating Jaksland three straight. It was Andy Nash who came to Castaways rescue, raising his game to defeat Fagan three straight. That was a good performance as Fagan had won their first half contest comfortably. Steve Codrington lost all three but

put up a good fight on each occasion. So, an 8-2 win for Castaways. In the final match of the week Sedcopians conceded to Treasury A. The match could not be played because of the lockdown in London that night and Sedcopians decided not to rearrange the match.

Two weeks to go and the top two teams now have identical points totals. In the coming week, Credex play Seds and another 10-0 looks certain. Castaways take on PRO. In the first half the outcome was 9-1 to Castaways. Last season the outcomes were 10-0 and 5-5, the latter due to an inspired night from Turner and Crawford. A win looks likely for Castaways but a whitewash is a much harder challenge. This is going to be a nail biter! The week also includes another potentially fascinating contest as Morpeth take on Treasury A. The first half match was won 6-4 by Morpeth but it was one of the closest matches of the season with five sets going the full distance. Should be a good one!

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**AVERAGES (Qualification:  $\geq 22$  sets played)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Sets Won</b>	<b>Sets Played</b>	<b>Average (%)</b>
Adewale	CREDEX	27	27	100.0
Harris	CASTAWAYS	40	43	93.0
Nash	CASTAWAYS	26	29	89.7
Persaud	CREDEX	23	26	88.5
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	20	23	87.0
P Fung	CREDEX	41	48	85.4
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	29	35	82.9
Fagan	COMETS	33	40	82.5
Wong	TREASURY A	23	29	79.3
Samuels	NAT WEST	20	27	74.1
Bekele	MORPETH	25	34	73.5
Nelson	CREDEX	16	22	72.7
Blyuss	MORPETH	24	36	66.7
Crawford	PRO	29	44	65.9
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	17	26	65.4
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	17	30	56.7
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	20	38	52.6
Jones	TREASURY A	22	42	52.4
Codrington	COMETS	26	50	52.0
Dight	TREASURY B	18	35	51.4
Persaud	PRO	20	39	51.3
Turner	PRO	19	39	48.7
Brown	MORPETH	15	31	48.4
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	14	29	48.3
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	23	48	47.9
Jones	NAT WEST	19	43	44.2
Shore	TREASURY B	16	44	36.4
Buck	PRO	9	36	25.0
Sinarain	COMETS	7	29	24.1
Johansson	MORPETH	5	23	21.7
Lavis	SEDCOPIANS	6	30	20.0
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	7	36	19.4
Waterhouse	BTB	8	50	16.0
Xavier	BTB	6	48	12.5

Mason	SEDCOPIANS	3	24	12.5
Okai	TREASURY B	2	26	7.7
Gittens	TREASURY B	2	33	6.1
Roberts	BTB	2	42	4.8
Fenn	SEDCOPIANS	1	24	4.2