

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 14

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	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CASTAWAYS	12	11	0	102	18	36	138
CREDEX	12	10	0	99	21	36	135
TREASURY A	13	10	0	86	44	39	125
NAT WEST	12	8	2	77	43	36	113
MORPETH	13	7	0	73	57	39	112
COMETS	13	7	1	68	62	36	104
PRO	13	4	2	56	74	39	95
EMPLOYMENT	11	4	1	52	58	33	85
BTB	13	1	0	23	107	39	62
SEDCOPIANS	13	1	0	20	110	39	59
TREASURY B	11	2	0	24	86	33	57

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

COMMENTARY**Week 18**

Last week I said Employment might trouble Morpeth, depending on team selection. Well, I was right but not in the way I expected. Employment were at full strength but, for the first time in my memory, Morpeth only fielded two players: Brown and Johansson. That rather took the sting out of the match and Morpeth managed a single victory, Duncan Brown beating Richard Mak in four close ends. Next result saw Credex whitewashing BTB. In fact the match was closer than the first half fixture with Flavinda Xavier taking an end off Rhyan Nelson and Geoff Waterhouse taking an end off Perry Fung. The big one this week was Castaways against Nat West. This should be close! Andy Nash opened with a win over Gareth Jones three straight. Second set and Chris Herbert must be favorite to beat Neil LeMilliere. After three ends, Neil is in front. Is an upset on the cards? The fourth end goes to Chris and the fifth end too. A much closer contest between these two than usual. Set four and Pete Harris eases past Tony Catt in four ends. With the score 3-1 to Castaways, we had one of the best sets of the night with Tony Catt beating Nash 11-5 in the fifth. Next came the battle for the top of the averages: Harris against Herbert. Chris won this set in the first half and took the first end 11-6. After that it remained close but Pete managed to win both the second and third ends. The fourth end reached deuce but it was Pete who won the set 12-10 thereby gaining revenge for the first half loss and extending his unbeaten winning streak to 24 sets. This brought up another key game with LeMilliere taking on Catt, someone Neil has never beaten. The first four ends were shared. Tony goes 5-1 up in the fifth and then 9-5 up but astonishingly Neil wins the next five points to reach 10-9 and match point. That match point was saved but Neil goes 12-11 up and this time converts the match point for an excellent win. Andy Nash went on to beat Chris Herbert who had not been well all night long and was flagging by this time. The outcome was a 8-2 win for Castaways which I think was about the best result Castaways could have hoped to come away with given they lost 6-4 in the first half. Next result involved Comets and Old Seds. The night begins in a predictable way with Comets going 3-0 up. Then comes an upset! Steve Codrington is two ends to one up on Doug Lavis but is having a battle royal with every point hard fought. The fourth end goes to Doug at 11-9. The final end was as close as the rest but it was Doug who emerged the winner, 11-9 in the fifth. Quite a win given there's a 35 percentage points gap between these two in the averages. For Seds, Tony Mason looked like he might pull off another upset against Sinarain but just could not maintain it, losing 11-3 in the fifth. Two sets later and Doug pulls off another upset, this time beating Sinarain in four. In amongst all this drama Steve Fagan breezed through his sets, all three straight. The result was 8-2 to Comets. Final match of the week and PRO take on Treasury A. PRO start quickly with John Crawford beating Mike Loveder and Jai Persaud winning a nail biter against Jeremy Jones at 12-10 in the fifth. After that the pendulum swung in Treasury's direction. This season it's been John Crawford doing most of the heavy lifting for PRO but not on this night. Jai Persaud stepped up, defeating Giuffrida in the fourth end while John lost to both Giuffrida

(in four) and Jeremy Jones (also in four). Good win for Jeremy! PRO won the doubles but the result was that Treasury had turned a 0-2 opening into a 6-4 final score.

Castaways' lead at the top is cut to three points. Treasury A seem secure in third spot as Nat West and Morpeth both fall back. At the bottom, BTB have opened a gap on Old Seds but so much turns on the outcome of Treasury B's outstanding fixture. Much jostling at the top of the averages but it's remarkable to see nine players qualifying with averages in excess of 80% so late in the season.

Free week next week but we resume on 8 February with two cracking fixtures: Treasury A against Castaways and Comets versus Morpeth.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 15 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	14	15	93.3
Harris	CASTAWAYS	27	29	93.1
Wong	TREASURY A	18	20	90.0
Fagan	COMETS	25	28	89.3
P Fung	CREDEX	25	30	83.3
Guimichev	TREASURY A	15	18	83.3
Herbert	NAT WEST	15	18	83.3
Nash	CASTAWAYS	15	18	83.3
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	21	26	80.8
Nelson	CREDEX	16	22	72.7
Samuels	NAT WEST	17	24	70.8
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	12	17	70.6
Bekele	MORPETH	18	26	69.2
Crawford	PRO	22	32	68.8
Blyuss	MORPETH	14	22	63.6
Codrington	COMETS	19	32	59.4
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	15	26	57.7
Jones	NAT WEST	14	25	56.0
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	10	18	55.6
Brown	MORPETH	11	20	55.0
Wu	CREDEX	8	15	53.3
Jones	TREASURY A	17	33	51.5
Turner	PRO	10	21	47.6
Persaud	PRO	11	24	45.8
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	13	29	44.8
Dight	TREASURY B	6	17	35.3
Shore	TREASURY B	9	29	31.0
Sinarain	COMETS	7	23	30.4
Buck	PRO	7	27	25.9
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	7	27	25.9
Lavis	SEDCOPIANS	6	24	25.0
Johansson	MORPETH	5	20	25.0
Waterhouse	BTB	8	35	22.9
Xavier	BTB	5	34	14.7
Mason	SEDCOPIANS	3	21	14.3
Okai	TREASURY B	2	17	11.8
Gittens	TREASURY B	2	21	9.5
Roberts	BTB	2	31	6.5
Fenn	SEDCOPIANS	1	21	4.8