

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 3

AS AT 20 OCTOBER 2019

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
PRO	3	3	0	25	5	9	34
CASTAWAYS	3	2	1	24	6	9	33
COMETS	3	2	1	22	8	9	31
EMPLOYMENT	3	2	0	16	14	9	25
NAT WEST	2	2	0	16	4	6	22
MORPETH C	3	0	0	9	21	9	18
TREASURY B	3	0	0	5	25	9	14
OUTCASTS	2	1	0	6	14	6	12
GOOD KARMA	2	0	0	6	14	6	12
SPARTA	3	0	0	3	27	9	12
MORPETH A	1	1	0	8	2	3	11

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

THINGS TO NOTE

- ✓ Individual match scores can be found on the website
https://www.tabletennis365.com/LondonBanksAndCivilService/Fixtures/Season_2019-2020/Division_One
- ✓ Nat West postponed against Morpeth A this week

COMMENTARY

Week 3

First result this week involves two teams towards the bottom of the league table: Morpeth C and Outcasts. Morpeth continue their policy of giving everyone in London an outing and have now used seven players in three matches. First up to the table for Morpeth is Max Shilo – remember him, the guy who held match points over Peter Harris last week. His opponent was Bob Coull. There was nothing in it after three ends. Max led by two ends to one and every end had finished 12-10. Max came close to winning in the fourth end but Bob just pinched it 11-9. Into the fifth and for the first time daylight started to appear between the two players. Bob managed to edge in front and managed to stay there, winning 11-6. A close set that involved 103 points. The fourth and fifth sets both went the distance. First, Bob Coull again registered a narrow win, 11-6 in the fifth against Clark Nicholls, which was followed by Simon Jameson beating Shilo 11-8 in the fifth in a come from behind victory. Outcasts led 4-1 but Morpeth came back, spurred on by a convincing defeat of Coull by Adam Alnak. Outcasts led 5-4 going into the doubles and managed to secure the outright win, beating the Morpeth doubles combination in four ends. So, a 6-4 win for Outcasts, their first of the season. A good night for Bob Coull but Outcasts' star was Simon Jameson who won all three. Interesting fact: Morpeth have so far played six sets that have gone the distance but they've lost every one of them! Morpeth have yet to win but I wouldn't count them out as they clearly have some strong players - they just all need to play in the same week. Employment's selection policy seems the same as Morpeth C's as they too have already fielded seven different players. This week they put out one of their weaker combinations but they were still too strong for Treasury B. For Employment, Frank Dos Santos opened with a good win over Joe Shavilla and Paul Baylis followed that up with a three straight defeat of Petko Guimichev. Good win! The sets just kept on coming for Employment and by the end of the night they had won 7-3. For Treasury, Petko won two and Bryan Gittens won one. Paul Baylis had a good night registering a comfortable maximum, dropping a single end. I thought PRO versus Sparta might be close though PRO were always likely to have the edge. The first round of matches were all won by PRO and all three straight. Sparta opened their account in set four when Peter Tokely beat George Buck. PRO came back with three successive three straight wins and, at 6-1 up, were running away with the match. Their progress was halted again by Peter Tokely who scored a gritty victory over Ian Buchanan in four ends, two of which ended at deuce and in both of which Peter had to come from behind. PRO rattled off the remaining sets for an unexpectedly easy 8-2 win. Last

match of the week and it's a big one: Comets versus Castaways. Comets started well as Steve Fagan brushed Pat Caunt aside three straight. Next came Pete Harris against Ian Francis, which I recall was a real ding dong battle last season. Pete went 2-1 up on ends, but Ian fought back all the way in the fourth end only to lose it 12-10. The match was all square. Set three was Neil LeMilliere against Perry Fung. This result is not a foregone conclusion but on this occasion Perry was not inclined to hang around and he won it comfortably. With the next set Comets opened a gap as Francis beat Pat Caunt. 3-1 to Comets. Next came one of the match's key sets: LeMilliere against Fagan. If Neil loses this one the match is over, as I can't see Castaways winning from 4-1 down. Neil set off like this was a sprint and won the first two ends comfortably. Steve comes back in the next end, taking it 11-9. The fourth end was building to a close finish and it was Neil emerged victorious 11-9. Comets lead 3-2. Pete Harris usually gives Fung a good game but he got nowhere near him in the next set, losing in four ends. Next came the closest set of the night. Ian Francis was two ends to one up on Neil LeMilliere. Neil all but lost it in the fourth end but clung on to win it 12-10. Neil carried that momentum through to the final end won it 11-8. 107 points played, the longest set of the season thus far. Fung then cruised through his set against Caunt conceding just 20 points. Sparta are 5-3 up. The score came back to 5-4 as Harris played a blinder to beat Fagan three straight. And the match ended honours even as Castaways took the doubles. A good match and a fair result but Castaways might look back on this and think they dodged a bullet. Special mention for Perry Fung who looked unplayable on the night.

So that result means PRO go to the top of the table, heading Castaways by one point. If any of you have long memories, that was also the position at Bulletin Three last season! Déjà vu! After that they quickly fell down to a mid-table position and I fear history is about to repeat itself, beginning with this week's contest against Castaways. It's hard to pick out a potential upset match next week. Looks like one of those weeks when everything goes to form. I don't think it will be too long before Karma or Morpeth C post a surprise result but not this week I suspect. Let's see if anyone proves me wrong!

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥3 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Fung	COMETS	5	5	100.0
Persaud	PRO	5	5	100.0
Deb	MORPETH C	3	3	100.0
Bekele	MORPETH A	3	3	100.0
Ji	MORPETH A	3	3	100.0
Killip	EMPLOYMENT	3	3	100.0
Penrose	NAT WEST	3	3	100.0
Crawford	PRO	8	9	88.9
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	8	9	88.9
Bispham	CASTAWAYS	5	6	83.3
Buck	PRO	5	6	83.3
Harris	CASTAWAYS	5	6	83.3
Herbert	NAT WEST	5	6	83.3
Jones	NAT WEST	5	6	83.3
Codrington	COMETS	4	5	80.0
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	4	6	66.7
Fagan	COMETS	4	6	66.7
Guimichev	TREASURY B	4	6	66.7
Alnak	MORPETH C	2	3	66.7
Catt	NAT WEST	2	3	66.7
Coull	OUTCASTS	2	3	66.7

Greenberg	GOOD KARMA	2	3	66.7
Hodges	EMPLOYMENT	2	3	66.7
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	2	3	66.7
Link	GOOD KARMA	2	3	66.7
Buchanan	PRO	3	5	60.0
Caunt	CASTAWAYS	3	6	50.0
Francis	COMETS	3	6	50.0
Jameson	OUTCASTS	3	6	50.0
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	2	6	33.3
Tokely	SPARTA	2	6	33.3
Blyuss	MORPETH A	1	3	33.3
Dos Santos	EMPLOYMENT	1	3	33.3
Evans	SPARTA	1	3	33.3
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	1	3	33.3
Robertson	MORPETH C	1	3	33.3
Gittens	TREASURY B	1	6	16.7
Nicholls	MORPETH C	1	6	16.7
Shilo	MORPETH C	1	6	16.7