

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CREDEX	3	3	0	25	5	9	34
TREASURY A	3	3	0	21	9	9	30
PRO	3	2	0	18	12	9	27
NAT WEST	2	1	0	14	6	6	20
COMETS	3	0	0	10	20	9	19
JOOLA	2	1	0	10	10	6	16
OUTCASTS	3	0	1	7	23	9	16
CASTAWAYS	1	1	0	9	1	3	12
TREASURY B	3	0	0	1	29	9	10
EMPLOYMENT	1	0	1	5	5	3	8

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

THINGS TO NOTE

- Don't forget all results should go to Gerry Martin and me.
- Review of first three weeks' results. One missing: Employment v. Joola for which no result yet communicated.

COMMENTARY

Week 1

Nat West begins with a convincing win over Treasury B. I thought Treasury's Tony Dight might make an impression but the opposition looked too good on the night. Tony took Gareth Jones to five ends but lost 11-4. The only other close set was Jeremy Okai's near miss against Chris Herbert, Jeremy eventually losing 11-3 in the fifth. Les Samuels starred for Nat West. PRO also start well with a 9-1 defeat of Outcasts but this was a close contest. Three sets required all five ends to be played. Ronnie Turner was untroubled for PRO but Crawford squeezed past Roullier at 11-9 in the fifth after being 9-6 down. Persaud took five ends to beat Jameson before losing to Roullier in what might be one of the longest sets of the season. Jai saved 3 match points in the fourth at 10-7 and another two in the fifth at 10-8 but finally succumbed at 12-10. A massive 108 points played in that set, with four ends finishing at 12-10. Credex, who looked so strong last season, would seem to be the team to beat. They brushed aside new boys Joola 7-3. That result didn't seem likely when Credex's Stephan Berkenkamp was taken the distance by Robert Chambers before winning 11-7 in the fifth but it was one way traffic after that. Interesting debut for Joola's John Payne in this match, who some of you will know from British League fixtures. Can't see him losing many – just 52 points conceded all night against arguably the best team in the Division. Persaud and Chambers contested the longest single end of the season so far, ending at 17-15 to Laikram. Closest match of Week One was Treasury A beating Comets by 6-4 but the individual set scores suggest the result might have flattered Comets a little. Comets' hero was Stephen Fagan who took two wins, losing just to Winston Wong. Is Stephen the same player as played for Bank in the 2013-14 season?

Week 2

Stephen continued his winning ways with two good victories against Credex. This included impressive wins over Fung and Berkenkamp, both ending at 11-8 in the fifth. The maximum was denied by Giles Soullier in an even tighter set that Giles won 13-11 in the fifth. Close sets didn't end there as Credex won the doubles 12-10 in the fifth. Treasury A coasted past their B team by 9-1. The B team's sole victory was Dight beating Jeremy Jones. The A team's Petko Guimichev looked mighty impressive in that match winning all his sets three straight. PRO turned out with two players against Joola and that was never going to be enough. PRO were 2-0 up but duly went down 7-3. Ronnie Turner was again in good form winning two and only losing to Payne in the fifth. Finally, Outcasts and Employment played out the season's first draw. The match score proceeded in perfect symmetry going 1-0, 1-1, 2-1, 2-2, 3-2, 3-3 before Employment's Alan Kelleher destroyed the rhythm when beating Mike O'Leary. The match finished with Employment scoring a comfortable doubles win thereby securing the draw.

For Outcasts, Bob Coull registered a maximum but Chris McKee, on debut for Employment, extended Bob all the way to 11-8 in the fifth. Good win for Richard Mak in that match beating Eddie Roullier 11-5 in the fifth.

Week 3

Week 3 opened with a whitewash victory for Credex over Treasury B. The scorecard suggests it was a bit of a “three and out” procession for Treasury. The only close set was Tony Dight against Soullier which Giles won 11-4 in the fifth. That was followed by a much closer match with Treasury A beating Nat West 6-4. Nat West brought in Tony Catt and he always strengthens their side, on this occasion winning two sets and losing to Wong in the fifth. Winston has started the season well and currently sits top of the averages. The match would have been closer still but for Gareth Jones having a bad night and losing all three. That said, Gareth was in with a shout against both namesake Jeremy Jones (losing in five but tying the longest end of the season at 17-15) and Giovanni Giuffrida (losing in four). Week 3 and Castaways finally get to play a match. A rather unusual looking Castaways side took on Outcasts and brushed them aside 9-1. Outcasts’ sole win came from Eddie Roullier beating Colin Pellowe 11-7 in the fifth. For a match that ended an apparent close 6-4 win, PRO versus Comets was actually another procession. For Comets, Fagan drifted through the match untroubled for a maximum and Greg Gargrupe scored a notable win over in-form Ronnie Turner but after that it all went PRO’s way. The result hung on the doubles which PRO took in the fifth end and thereby the win.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 3 sets played)

Player	Club	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Wong	TREASURY A	6	6	100.0
Payne	JOOLA	5	5	100.0
Caunt	CASTAWAYS	3	3	100.0
Coull	OUTCASTS	3	3	100.0
Guimichev	TREASURY A	3	3	100.0
Harris	CASTAWAYS	3	3	100.0
Herbert	NAT WEST	3	3	100.0
Soullier	CREDEX	8	9	88.9
Fung	CREDEX	5	6	83.3
Samuels	NAT WEST	5	6	83.3
Berkenkamp	CREDEX	7	9	77.8
Fagan	COMETS	7	9	77.8
Crawford	PRO	6	9	66.7
Turner	PRO	6	9	66.7
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	4	6	66.7
Persaud	PRO	4	6	66.7
Catt	NAT WEST	2	3	66.7
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	2	3	66.7
Pellowe	CASTAWAYS	2	3	66.7
Persaud	CREDEX	2	3	66.7
Jones	TREASURY A	5	9	55.6
Jones	NAT WEST	3	6	50.0
Roulier	OUTCASTS	4	9	44.4
Kelleher	EMPLOYMENT	1	3	33.3
Loveder	TREASURY A	1	3	33.3
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	1	3	33.3
Bekele	JOOLA	1	5	20.0
Codrington	COMETS	1	6	16.7
Gargrupe	COMETS	1	6	16.7
Dight	TREASURY B	1	9	11.1