

**AS AT 17 NOVEMBER 2024**

MORPETH A	5	5	0	38	12	15	53
COMETS A	3	3	0	29	1	9	38
CASTAWAYS	4	2	2	26	14	12	38
NAT WEST	4	1	1	15	25	12	27
COMETS B	3	1	0	15	15	9	24
COMETS C	4	0	0	5	35	12	17
PRO	3	0	1	8	22	9	17
OUTCASTS	2	0	0	4	16	6	10

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

**THINGS TO NOTE**

- Individual match details can be found on the website at

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- Check out the photos on the front page of the website under Featured Photos. Is your team there?
- Want a trip down memory lane? Every weekly bulletin issued since the 2014-15 season can be found on the website under the “Div Sec Reports” heading

**COMMENTARY****Week 06**

Just one match to report on this week but it's a potentially interesting one as unbeaten Morpeth take on Nat West who are fielding Tony Catt for the first time this season. Tony is a previous Merit Award winner and doesn't lose many in this Division. He joins Gareth Jones and Andrew Muller. Morpeth introduce another new player – Derrick Wang – alongside Duncan Brown and Jens Marott. We begin with Catt against Wang and it soon becomes clear Derrick is no slouch after he wins two of the first three ends. A victory is in sight as the set reaches 10-10 in the fourth. Just two more points needed! But Tony is still fighting and he manages to take the next two points to force a deciding end. In the fifth, the set started to drift away from Derrick as Tony built a lead. Tony never looked back and he won the decider 11-6 after 93 points. Morpeth quickly levelled the match score as Jens Marott beat Gareth Jones in four after Gareth had won the first end. Two quick sets followed – both going to Morpeth. First, Duncan Brown scored a surprisingly easy win over Andrew Muller, followed by Wang beating Jones three straight. Brown then faced Catt and started well, taking the first end. Tony runs away with the second end, reaching 10-4. But then Duncan starts a fightback, winning point after point to peg the score back all the way to 10-10. Soon after, the comeback was complete as Duncan transformed a 4-10 scoreline into a 14-12 victory! That seemed to spur Tony into action and he ran off the next two ends to level the set. Into the fifth end and, to my surprise, Duncan pulls away to post an 11-5 win. 96 points contested and Duncan registers an early candidate for surprise win of the season. Good win! That drama was followed by a marathon contest between Muller and Marott. After three hotly contested ends, each of which was won by a narrow two-point margin, Muller was in the lead. Marott then levelled the set, winning the fourth end. The final end went on and on and the players were still locked together as the score reached 11-11. The next two points went to.....Andrew... to pull off an excellent win. 103 points involved! Duncan Brown then beat Gareth Jones to score a maximum in a good night for him. Morpeth led the match 5-2. In set eight, Muller faced Derrick Wang and although it was close Andrew just didn't seem able to get himself in front. The outcome – a three straight win for Derrick. The concluding singles set was another marathon with Tony Catt pulling off a narrow five-end victory over Jens Marott. The doubles continued the theme of close contests. Nat West are in front after three ends and reached two match points in the fourth end, both of which were saved by Morpeth. That proved costly for Nat West as Morpeth came home in front in the deciding end. 102 points played, another lengthy set, and victory snatched

from the jaws of defeat!! Overall, a really good match. Six sets needed all five ends to complete – the closest match of the season thus far. Star performances, unlikely comebacks and surprise wins aplenty! Morpeth are looking good at the top of the table but Comets A are sitting threateningly in second place with matches in hand! They meet next week!!

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**AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 4 sets played)**

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
To	MORPETH A	9	9	100.0
Persaud	COMETS A	8	8	100.0
Holohan	MORPETH A	6	6	100.0
Sultani	COMETS B	6	6	100.0
C Fagan	COMETS A	5	5	100.0
Francis	COMETS A	4	5	80.0
Brown	MORPETH A	9	12	75.0
Marott	MORPETH A	6	9	66.7
Adesanya	COMETS B	4	6	66.7
Johnson	NAT WEST	4	6	66.7
Crawford	PRO	5	9	55.6
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	5	10	50.0
Loveder	CASTAWAYS	4	8	50.0
Muller	NAT WEST	3	6	50.0
Bhangoo	COMETS B	3	6	50.0
Bispham	CASTAWAYS	3	8	37.5
Turner	PRO	3	9	33.3
Alexander	MORPETH A	1	6	16.7
Coull	OUTCASTS	1	6	16.7
Sharma	COMETS C	1	6	16.7
Islam	COMETS C	1	9	11.1