

# LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 2

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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>
MORPETH	2	2	0	14	6	6	20
TREASURY A	2	1	0	14	6	6	20
CASTAWAYS	2	1	0	13	7	6	19
NAT WEST	2	1	1	12	8	6	18
OUTCASTS	2	1	0	11	9	6	17
PRO	2	0	1	8	12	6	14
EMPLOYMENT	1	1	0	7	3	3	10
INSURANCE	2	0	0	0	20	6	6
TREASURY B	1	0	0	1	9	3	4
COMETS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPARTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

## COMMENTARY

### Week 2

First match of the week and Outcasts come down to earth with a bump, losing 8-2 to Morpeth. Morpeth appear to be following last season's selection policy of never fielding the same team in two successive weeks. The individual set scores reveal the match was a better contest than the result suggests. Set three saw a ding-dong battle between Stuart Sweeney and Eddie Roullier. Eddie got the better of the first three ends but Stuart took it into the fourth end and then on to the fifth before finally losing 11-5. Ninety-six points played in that set! Andy Macalister took an end off Chambers and Brown but to no avail. An indicator of how close his set with Brown was is that, in winning the set, Duncan only scored four more points in total than Andy. Macalister and Roullier both beat Sweeney for Outcasts' two successes. Employment begin their programme with a confident 7-3 victory over PRO. Excellent first set saw John Crawford squeeze past Paul Baylis by the narrowest of margins. John needed all five ends to secure the victory, which culminated at 12-10 in the final end. Very close! Employment's seven sets came about in a slightly unexpected manner with Chris McKee beating Crawford but losing to Jai Persaud while Baylis and Mak took two each, both losing to Crawford. PRO's winless number three was a table tennis nomad from the past - Ian Buchanan - who seems to pop into this Division every few years. Next match was the crunch fixture of the week: Nat West take on Castaways. The minute the Nat West team names went down on the scoresheet you knew Castaways were in trouble. No Chris Herbert for Nat West but instead two big guns in Tony Catt and Chris Penrose. Actually, Castaways started well with LeMilliere beating Les Samuels and Pete Harris scoring a really excellent victory over Penrose in four ends. But at that point it all went wrong for Castaways as Nat West took all bar one of the remaining sets. The exception was another good win for Pete Harris, over Les Samuels. The closest set of the night saw Tony Catt record a stellar maximum by beating Harris 11-6 in the fifth. Otherwise, it must be said, this looked a fairly straightforward win for Nat West. So, Nat West strike an early blow in the title race. The 7-3 win increases the pressure on Castaways not to drop further sets. Insurance faced their second whitewash against Treasury A. Ian Cranstone took an end off Jeremy Jones and Albert Francis nearly recorded Insurance's first win of the season losing in a long 100 points' set to Jones, finishing 11-9 in the fifth. 10-0 was the outcome.

Pick of next week's fixtures is Treasury A versus Nat West. This is all going to be down to team selection. Depending on that, any result from 8-2 to 2-8 seems possible. Castaways have to bounce back from this week's low point but face a "banana skin" fixture against Employment. Castaways will be looking for 9-1 or thereabouts but Employment are no pushovers. And Insurance have their best chance yet of opening their account with a visit to Outcasts.

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