

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 16

AS AT 19 FEBRUARY 2017

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CASTAWAYS	14	13	0	120	20	42	162
CREDEX	14	12	0	119	21	42	161
MORPETH	15	9	0	89	61	45	134
TREASURY A	14	10	0	88	52	42	130
NAT WEST	14	9	2	88	52	42	130
COMETS	15	8	1	80	70	42	122
PRO	15	5	2	68	82	45	113
EMPLOYMENT	14	6	1	66	74	42	108
BTB	15	1	0	25	125	45	70
TREASURY B	13	2	0	27	103	39	66
SEDCOPIANS	15	1	0	20	130	45	65

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

THINGS TO NOTE

- Rule 17 is now in force and players who have not played before in this season need my approval before they can play.

COMMENTARY

Week 21

Opens with Treasury B taking on injury-hit Nat West. Tony Dight struck an early blow for Treasury beating Mike Hughes in four ends but after that Nat West began to run away with it. Gareth Jones beat Gittens and David Shore but lost to Dight. Hughes also beat Gittens but that was the extent of his contribution, coming off second best in a close set with David Shore that David won 11-9 in the fifth. In amongst these results Chris Penrose looked in no trouble at all and won his three with ease. An 8-2 loss for Treasury but those two points might yet be valuable in the relegation battle. Last week I said Employment needed to find a hero against Credex and they nearly did. That man was Paul Baylis who had a hatful of match points against Perry Fung but just couldn't convert. The set went all the way to a fifth end but it was Perry who won it at 11-8 after 101 points were played. That proved to be Employment's only chance and the remaining nine sets were won by Credex at a canter, the lone blip being Adewale dropping an end to Chris McKee. Castaways equally made short work of Old Seds. The doubles and one singles set went past three ends. That singles set involved Doug Lavis pinching an end off Neil LeMilliere but it was otherwise plain sailing for Castaways. The third 10-0 of the week saw Comets beat BTB with lots to spare. BTB's highlights involved Denis O'Riordan taking an end off Defroand and Fagan and Flavinda Xavier also taking an end off Fagan. Steve Codrington didn't drop an end all night and the closest contest was the doubles where it was all square going into the fifth end before Comets accelerated away to take it 11-5. Final match of the week saw Morpeth travel to PRO. The anticipated contest between Crawford and Bekele didn't materialise as John was not in PRO's team. That turned a potentially close match into a routine win for Morpeth. One set took four ends and one set went all the way but the other eight finished three straight. Ronnie Turner beat Duncan Brown in four ends and Jai Persaud did the same but in five ends. Bekele and Blyuss were untroubled, both winning three. Bekele is unbeaten in the second half except for two losses at Credex. An 8-2 win for Morpeth.

So, as I predicted, this week's results didn't affect the title race at all. Morpeth move up to third place and Nat West slip to fifth. At the bottom, time is running out for Old Seds and I suspect that despite never being out of a relegation position all season Treasury B look favorites to stay up. The coming week's fixtures look much more interesting with Nat West facing Credex. No Samuels or Herbert for Nat West but if Chris Penrose plays he could do damage to Credex's title hopes. Castaways face Morpeth who took three sets off them in the first half so potential there too to influence the title outcome.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 16 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Harris	CASTAWAYS	30	32	93.8
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	19	21	90.5
Fagan	COMETS	28	31	90.3
Persaud	CREDEX	15	17	88.2
Wong	TREASURY A	20	23	87.0
P Fung	CREDEX	31	36	86.1
Nash	CASTAWAYS	18	21	85.7
Herbert	NAT WEST	15	18	83.3
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	24	29	82.8
Bekele	MORPETH	23	31	74.2
Nelson	CREDEX	16	22	72.7
Crawford	PRO	25	35	71.4
Guimichev	TREASURY A	15	21	71.4
Samuels	NAT WEST	17	24	70.8
Blyuss	MORPETH	18	27	66.7
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	13	20	65.0
Codrington	COMETS	24	38	63.2
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	13	22	59.1
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	12	21	57.1
Brown	MORPETH	13	25	52.0
Turner	PRO	14	27	51.9
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	15	29	51.7
Jones	NAT WEST	16	31	51.6
Jones	TREASURY A	17	33	51.5
Persaud	PRO	15	30	50.0
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	17	37	45.9
Dight	TREASURY B	8	23	34.8
Shore	TREASURY B	10	32	31.3
Sinarain	COMETS	7	26	26.9
Johansson	MORPETH	5	20	25.0
Buck	PRO	7	30	23.3
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	7	30	23.3
Lavis	SEDCOPIANS	6	27	22.2
Waterhouse	BTB	8	41	19.5
Xavier	BTB	5	39	12.8
Mason	SEDCOPIANS	3	24	12.5
Okai	TREASURY B	2	20	10.0
Gittens	TREASURY B	2	27	7.4
Roberts	BTB	2	33	6.1
Fenn	SEDCOPIANS	1	24	4.2
Salmon	SEDCOPIANS	0	27	0.0