

AS AT 27 FEBRUARY 2022

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
COMETS	10	10	0	86	14	30	116
NAT WEST	12	7	2	68	52	36	104
MORPETH A	10	5	1	54	46	30	84
CASTAWAYS	9	6	1	54	36	27	81
PRO	11	1	2	39	68	33	72
GOOD KARMA	9	1	1	25	65	27	52
OUTCASTS	9	1	1	21	69	27	48

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:

https://www.tabletennis365.com/LondonBanksAndCivilService/Fixtures/Active_Season_21-22/Division_One

COMMENTARY

Week 19

Just one match to report on as Morpeth versus Karma had to be postponed.

The highlight match this week is therefore Outcasts versus Nat West. Outcasts have won just one match while Nat West need as many points as possible if they're to finish in third place. This match was a close 6-4 in the first half, Chris Herbert's maximum for Nat West being the key. No Chris Herbert in the second half but a more than capable replacement in Tony Catt, joining Andrew Muller and Gareth Jones. Outcasts fielded Tony Jennison, Eddie Roullier and Bob Coull. In the first set of the evening Catt made quick work of Roullier, winning three straight. Next up was Coull against Muller. In the first half this resulted in a narrow win for Andrew in a tight match. This time the first end belonged to Andrew, edging Bob out at deuce. The next two ends went in the opposite direction, both surprisingly easy wins. Andrew therefore needed the fourth end to stay alive. And that he did, winning it 11-7. The final end had all the hallmarks of a deuce finish but surprisingly it proved to be one sided, with Andrew storming home 11-5. The second good contest between the two of them! The next two sets finished three straight. A fairly comfortable win for Tony Jennison over Jones followed by a much closer contest between Catt and Coull in which, despite not winning an end, Bob put up a good fight and had chances in each end. Nat West were now leading 3-1. The next set was Roullier against Jones. This went to a fifth end in the first half with Gareth coming home just in front. This was a real seesaw set. Gareth won the first and third ends while Eddie won the second and fourth. So, again we go into a deciding end but with no obvious favourite to win. In the event, history repeated itself and Gareth emerged the winner by a narrow 11-8 margin. In the next set Muller continued his good run of form defeating Tony Jennison in four ends. Nat West had extended their lead to 5-1. In the first half meeting between these two teams there was only one comfortable win and that was by Bob Coull over Gareth Jones. Could Gareth do end better on this occasion? The answer was "perhaps a little bit" but again Gareth proved no match for Bob who won three straight, albeit the scores in each end were closer than in the first half. Tony Catt was breezing through the night as usual but Tony Jennison put a temporary brake on that by winning an end, the only one Catt dropped all night. After the final singles set Eddie Roullier could legitimately claim this wasn't to be his night as, for the second time, he lost a five-ender. This time, it was to Andrew Muller who fell foul of the "win two, lose two" mantra but managed to come back to win the final end. The doubles too proved to be a close contest with Outcasts putting up a real fight, coming from two ends down only to lose 11-5 in the fifth. That took the match score to 8-2 to Nat West and, not for the first time this season, Outcasts could reasonably claim the scoreline didn't do their efforts justice. Four sets went the distance and Nat West won all of them. Well done to Tony Catt for another maximum, completing the season with a single loss (to Pete Harris).

Next week is the last official week of the half but there are postponements to catch up. Just two matches next week. Karma versus Outcast should be close and Castaways will be wanting to ensure they drop no points against PRO.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥12 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Catt	NAT WEST	20	21	95.2
Fung	COMETS	19	20	95.0
Persaud	COMETS	19	20	95.0
Harris	CASTAWAYS	14	15	93.3
Wong	COMETS	13	15	86.7
Fagan	COMETS	13	16	81.3
Bekele	MORPETH A	17	22	77.3
Francis	COMETS	9	13	69.2
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	16	27	59.3
Bispham	CASTAWAYS	7	12	58.3
Muller	NAT WEST	13	24	54.2
Robertson	MORPETH A	10	19	52.6
Herbert	NAT WEST	12	24	50.0
Coull	OUTCASTS	6	12	50.0
Loveder	CASTAWAYS	6	12	50.0
Sanders	GOOD KARMA	6	12	50.0
Turner	PRO	12	27	44.4
Crawford	PRO	13	30	43.3
Alnak	MORPETH A	6	14	42.9
Guimichev	OUTCASTS	4	12	33.3
Link	GOOD KARMA	6	21	28.6
Persaud	PRO	4	15	26.7
Jones	NAT WEST	9	36	25.0
Zhao	GOOD KARMA	3	21	14.3
Roullier	OUTCASTS	2	15	13.3