

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2016

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>P</b>
NAT WEST	15	11	1	110	40	45	155
CREDEX	14	12	0	111	29	42	153
CASTAWAYS	14	12	1	107	33	42	149
TREASURY A	15	10	0	81	68	45	126
JOOLA	14	7	1	69	71	42	111
PRO	15	5	2	64	86	45	109
COMETS	15	3	1	58	92	45	103
EMPLOYMENT	14	4	1	59	80	42	101
TREASURY B	14	2	2	31	109	42	73
OUTCASTS	14	0	3	29	111	42	71

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

**THINGS TO NOTE**

- As explained in the last Bulletin, Rule 19 is now in force.

**COMMENTARY**

## Week 21

First result shows a two-man Outcasts team going down 7-3 to Joola. This was closer than the score suggests. Michael O'Leary narrowly lost to Duncan Brown by 11-8 in the fifth. For Outcasts, Simon Jameson took two wins, both in the fifth end, over Blyuss and Brown. For Joola, Samson Bekele took a comfortable maximum. Most interesting set of the night was Outcasts taking the doubles at 11-8 in the fifth – their first doubles win of the season! Against Employment, Nat West again fielded Mike Hughes as a reserve but this time the opposition proved too good and Mike lost all three. Tony Catt was unbeaten but struggled against Chris McKee and needed all five ends to bring home a victory. Les Samuels was the best player on the night, also registering a maximum. Castaways keep up their push for the title, whitewashing Treasury B. Pete Harris dropped just one end all night, extending his streak to 15 wins on the trot. Andy Nash was even more impressive and won all his sets three straight. Neil LeMillere had a more testing night and was fully extended by Tony Dight. Then came a wobble against David Shore when Neil lost the first two ends. Three close ends followed and the set could have gone either way but Neil just got home 11-8 in the fifth. Final match of the week involved a close contest between Treasury A and PRO, which the former won 7-3. Opening set was a real battle between John Crawford and Mike Loveder. Mike took the first two ends while John did the same with the second two ends. That led to a nail biting final end that culminated in a win for Mike at 14-12 after 100 points had been played. There was some comfort for John in that he won his other two singles sets. Unluckiest man on the night was Ronnie Turner who lost all three but by narrow margins in each case. All his sets went to five and Turner lost 9-11 to Jeremy Jones, 8-11 to Loveder and 6-11 to Giovanni Giuffrida!

## Week 22

And this week's fixtures might decide the title race with Credex, Castaways and Nat West still in contention. First result of the week is a real biggie! Nat West versus Castaways with both teams at full strength. First half result was a 6-4 win for Castaways. The second half match proved to be very different. First set saw Pete Harris face Chris Hebert. Pete took the first two ends and Chris took the third. A really close fourth end ensued, but it was Harris who sneaked home at 14-12! The next three sets all went to five ends and to my astonishment Nat West won all three of them. First, Samuels beats Nash 11-7 in the fifth. Second, Tony Catt beats Jacksland by the same score. And thirdly, the closest set of all saw Samuels beat Harris 15-13 in the fifth after 106 points bringing to an end Pete's claim to the longest unbeaten winning streak after 16 wins. Les lost the first two ends so that must be one of the comebacks of the season! It didn't stop there as Nat West took the next three sets too! This match which was anticipated to be one of the tightest of the season was turning into a rout. The icing on the cake was Nat West took the last two singles sets and the doubles to pull off an extraordinary victory by 9-1. So, what

happened, did Castaways just collapse? The scorecard says most certainly not. The match was littered with close sets. Seven of the ten sets required five ends. In most of those, Castaways were in front in the early ends but just couldn't put Nat West away. On five occasions, Nat West players pulled off come-from-behind wins. Add this to Nat West's first half defeat of Credex and I think you have the leading contender for "team performances of the year" irrespective of who wins the title. That loss wiped away all of Castaways' points advantage over Credex in the title race and installed Credex as the new favourites. Treasury A and Employment fought out a close contest that ended in a 6-4 win for Treasury. Their mainstay was Winston Wong who won all three but with hard fought matches with Baylis and McKee. Giuffrida and Jeremy Jones both beat Richard Mak and Jeremy followed that up with an excellent defeat of McKee, albeit by a whisker at 12-10 in three fifth. Employment have remained in eighth spot throughout every week of this season but their points total from the first five matches of the second half is almost double the number in the first half! Final match of the week involved a two-man Comets team against Outcasts. Steve Fagan dropped the first end to Simon Jameson but never looked troubled after that. Rich Sinarain had three close sets, losing in five to Alan Jones and in four to Jameson but managed to beat Mike O'Leary in five – a vital win that opened up the possibility of a draw. A real see-saw doubles contest unravelled in which Outcasts held the upper hand initially but Comets pulled it back in the fourth and went on to win the set in the fifth. A draw it was!

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**AVERAGES (Qualification:  $\geq 17$  sets played)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Sets Won</b>	<b>Sets Played</b>	<b>Average (%)</b>
Harris	CASTAWAYS	31	36	86.1
Samuels	NAT WEST	35	42	83.3
P. Fung	CREDEX	30	36	83.3
Herbert	NAT WEST	21	27	77.8
Persaud	CREDEX	21	27	77.8
Catt	NAT WEST	23	30	76.7
D. Fung	CREDEX	16	21	76.2
Wong	TREASURY A	25	33	75.8
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	18	24	75.0
Fagan	COMETS	33	45	73.3
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	13	18	72.2
Persaud	PRO	15	21	71.4
Nash	CASTAWAYS	19	27	70.4
Bekele	JOOLA	19	28	67.9
Berkenkamp	CREDEX	12	18	66.7
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	18	32	56.3
Jones	NAT WEST	15	27	55.6
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	16	29	55.2
Blyuss	JOOLA	11	20	55.0
Crawford	PRO	19	36	52.8
Turner	PRO	19	39	48.7
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	16	33	48.5
Chambers	JOOLA	10	21	47.6
Jones	TREASURY A	19	42	45.2
Loveder	TREASURY A	8	18	44.4
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	14	33	42.4
Shore	TREASURY B	11	26	42.3
Codrington	COMETS	10	24	41.7
Dight	TREASURY B	11	37	29.7
Jameson	OUTCASTS	8	32	25.0
Roulier	OUTCASTS	7	30	23.3
Sinarain	COMETS	3	18	16.7
Johansson	JOOLA	1	18	5.6
Buck	PRO	1	27	3.7