

**AS AT 11 APRIL 2015-16 FINAL TABLE**

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>P</b>
CREDEX	18	16	0	148	32	54	202
CASTAWAYS	18	15	1	136	44	54	190
NAT WEST	18	13	2	133	47	54	187
JOOLA	18	10	2	95	85	54	149
TREASURY A	18	11	0	92	87	54	146
COMETS	18	4	1	72	108	54	126
PRO	18	6	2	73	107	51	124
EMPLOYMENT	18	5	1	69	110	51	120
TREASURY B	18	2	2	42	138	54	96
OUTCASTS	18	1	3	39	141	54	93

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

**THINGS TO NOTE**

- ☑ The final table. Well done to Credex for winning the title, and to Castaways and Nat West for producing a really close race for second place!
- ☑ Thanks to all those who supply comments on their matches, which provide the raw material for these commentaries.
- ☑ AGM date not fixed yet but likely to be mid-May. Keep an eye out for confirmation of the date.

**COMMENTARY**

**Week 26**

Begins with a 7-3 victory for Joola over close rivals Treasury A. Samson Bekele was the game changer, winning all three, each time involving five ends. Good back up from Rob Chambers and Oleg Blyuss meant Treasury never really got a look-in and Joola's 7-3 loss to Treasury in the first half was completely reversed. That win caused Joola to leapfrog Treasury into fourth place in the final table. Next result saw a two-man Outcasts team whitewashed by Credex. Bob Coull put up a good fight, taking an end off both Perry and Django Fung. Simon Jameson also took an end off Giles Soullier but that was as far as it went. Castaways went into their match with Employment knowing a 7-3 result would give them second place over Nat West. In the event, Castaways posted an emphatic 10-0 scoreline in what looked like a one-sided contest. A bit like Outcasts against Credex, Employment's successes were restricted to four sets where they won an end but there were no close finishes. Nat West completed their season with a 8-2 win over Comets. No Steve Fagan for Comets who had two players. As has been the case so often this season, Samuels and Herbert were unbeaten and looked untroubled. Comets won two sets, both against a ring-rusty Gareth Jones appearing in only his third match since Christmas. Closest set was Rishi Sinarain beating Gareth 12-10 in the fifth after a long contest.

**Postponed matches**

Two postponed matches this half. First match saw Employment end the season on a winning note beating Treasury B 6-4. For Treasury, Tony Dight won all three and looked untroubled. The best set was the contest between Frank Dos Santos and Jeremy Okai that Frank won 12-10 in the fifth. Frank had previously lost narrowly to Bryan Gittins. The final match of the 2015-16 season saw champions Credex face PRO. The result was 7-3 to Credex but PRO's three wins were by default as Credex only had two players. Laikram Persaud and Perry Fung won their sets comfortably. Both dropped an end to PRO's Marco Yu but otherwise it was one-way traffic.

## **The 2015-16 season in facts and figures**

Champions: Credex

Runners up: Castaways

Relegation positions: Outcasts and Treasury B

Top of the averages: Perry Fung with 41 wins out of 47 for 87.2%

Best player in the Division: Ade Adewale. Unbeaten in 18 contests (not quite enough to qualify for the averages)

Longest unbeaten streak: Ade Adewale

Best doubles team: Castaways and Nat West, tied with 14 out of 18 or 77.8

Players involved: 59 different players appeared this season from the 10 teams involved

Played in every match: No one

Most appearances: Multi-way tie. 16 out of 20 matches played by Pete Harris, Les Samuels, Perry Fung, Steve Fagan, and Jeremy Jones

Biggest squad: Comets with eight players

Smallest squad: Treasury B with five players

Best team performance: Nat West for beating Credex 6-4 in the first half, breaking their 20 match winning streak, due to that extraordinary Les Samuels' maximum, and for beating Castaways 9-1 in the second half (including another Samuels' maximum) which blew open the race for second place. That was the closet match of the season. Seven sets required a fifth end and Nat West won every one of them!

Longest single end: Les Samuels beating John Crawford 20-18

Longest set: Rob Chambers losing narrowly to Pat Caunt in a set that involved 112 points (that's equivalent to five ends each finishing 12-10!)

The full house award: to Steve Fagan for his hard-fought maximum against Castaways – three sets, 15 ends and 291 points played in one evening

Fewest points played in a five-ender: Jeremy Jones beating Tony Dight with just 84 points played in five ends

Most points played in a single night: Tony Dight for playing a record breaking 308 points in one evening against PRO

Most improved average compared to the 2014-15 season: intriguingly, almost every player in the 2015-16 averages had a better average in 2014-15. Only two players did significantly better in 2015-16 than in 2014-15: Chris Herbert (going from 73% to 82%) and David Shore (going from 32% to 49%)

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**AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 22 sets played)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Sets Won</b>	<b>Sets Played</b>	<b>Average (%)</b>
P. Fung	CREDEX	41	47	87.2
Samuels	NAT WEST	39	46	84.8
Harris	CASTAWAYS	40	48	83.3
Persaud	CREDEX	30	36	83.3
Herbert	NAT WEST	28	34	82.4
D. Fung	CREDEX	18	23	78.3
Catt	NAT WEST	25	33	75.8
Nash	CASTAWAYS	25	33	75.8
Fagan	COMETS	36	48	75.0
Wong	TREASURY A	31	42	73.8
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	24	33	72.7
Bekele	JOOLA	23	34	67.6
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	15	24	62.5
Persaud	PRO	16	26	61.5
Blyuss	JOOLA	14	25	56.0
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	19	35	54.3
Coull	OUTCASTS	13	24	54.2
Crawford	PRO	21	39	53.8
Chambers	JOOLA	16	30	53.3
Jones	NAT WEST	17	34	50.0
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	20	41	48.8
Shore	TREASURY B	17	35	48.6
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	16	33	48.5
Turner	PRO	21	45	46.7
Jones	TREASURY A	21	48	43.8
Codrington	COMETS	13	30	43.3
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	17	45	37.8
Dight	TREASURY B	14	40	35.0
Loveder	TREASURY A	9	27	33.3
Jameson	OUTCASTS	11	44	25.0
Sinarain	COMETS	6	24	25.0
Brown	JOOLA	6	25	24.0
Roulier	OUTCASTS	7	30	23.3
Johansson	JOOLA	3	23	13.0
Buck	PRO	1	32	3.1
Gittens	TREASURY B	1	39	2.6