

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 21

AS AT 18 MARCH 2018

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
TREASURY A	19	16	1	160	30	57	217
CASTAWAYS	18	15	1	140	40	54	194
NAT WEST	19	13	3	126	64	57	183
MORPETH	18	13	2	111	69	54	165
EMPLOYMENT	19	9	3	96	94	57	153
PRO	18	6	2	83	97	54	137
COMETS	18	7	1	76	104	54	130
INSURANCE	19	5	2	66	124	57	123
SPARTA	18	4	1	62	118	54	116
OUTCASTS	17	3	1	52	118	51	103
TREASURY B	19	1	1	38	152	57	95

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 https://www.tabletennis365.com/LondonBanksAndCivilService/Fixtures/Season_2017-2018/Division_One

COMMENTARY

Week 24

First result in sees PRO visit Morpeth. This was nicely set up to be a good match with Morpeth coming off a streak of six straight victories and PRO having won their last two. Good opening for Morpeth as Rob Chambers beats John Crawford over four ends in the first set. In set three, Ronnie Turner beat Terese Johansson to notch up PRO's first win. Set four was probably the set of the night. Oleg Blyuss took the first two ends off Crawford. John gets himself back in the match by winning the third and fourth ends. These two players have near identical averages so a close fifth end was inevitable. The score reached 10-10 and then 11-11 before Crawford nosed in front to win the end 13-11. 103 points played in that marathon. Oleg got his own back a few sets later as he scored a good come-from-behind win over Ronnie Turner 11-8 in the fifth. Morpeth led 6-3 going into the doubles but here PRO have a secret weapon as they've learned how to win at doubles and their second half doubles results are much better than the first half. Morpeth win the first two ends but PRO aren't going down without a fight and they take the third and fourth ends. Your money would still have to be on Morpeth but PRO pull off a surprise win, taking the fifth end 11-6. The match score was 6-4 to Morpeth. Rob Chambers registered another maximum and picked up his sixth Player of the Match award (only two players in the Division have more). Sparta are struggling to field three players. They only had two against Treasury A, which does not bode well for the outcome. That said, they started well with Peter Tokely beating Jeremy Jones in four ends, which coincidentally all ended 11-9! Never seen that before. After that it was all downhill for Sparta and you knew things weren't going to go their way when Jeremy Jones beat Mandy John in a titanic struggle that ended 12-10 in the fifth. The outcome was a 9-1 victory for Treasury A. Long night for Jeremy Jones who managed to contest more points than Fung and Persaud put together! Shot of the night went to Mandy John for a backhand winner against Persaud (the second successive week opponents have commented favourably on Mandy's backhand). Nat West against Employment turned out to be Nat West against Richard Oppenheim. Richard is on a thirteen sets winning streak but this was going to be a challenge. Richard overcame the first hurdle with a four-ends win over Les Samuels. Quite close that set. Richard then faced Chris Herbert who you would have thought would have provided the sternest opposition but Richard was buzzing and took the set comfortably three straight. Add another win, over Gareth Jones, and Richard had extended his unbeaten streak to 16, the third highest in the division behind Fung and Persaud. Richard Mak had a fruitless night for Employment and was on the wrong side of five-end losses to Gareth Jones (96 points) and Chris Herbert (97 points). Tough luck! 7-3 to Nat West.

Castaways had a routine 9-1 win over Treasury B. As has often been the case this season, David Shore secured the single Treasury victory with a four-end defeat of Norman Grant. The only other close set was a near miss for Jeremy Okai, losing 11-6 in the fifth to Grant. Harris and Jaksland were untroubled for Castaways. You may remember the strange first half win for Insurance over Comets in which Steve Fagan had a weird night and only won one. In the return fixture, Steve was not going to let that happen again and breezed to a maximum without dropping an end. Greg Gargrupe beat Cranstone and Velinor to provide valuable back up. Reserve Robert Kemp added a win over Velinor and the outcome was 7-3 to Comets. Generous praise for Comets from their opponents who admitted they were outplayed on the night.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 22 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Harris	CASTAWAYS	33	36	91.7
Persaud	TREASURY A	40	44	90.9
Fung	TREASURY A	36	41	87.8
Fagan	COMETS	40	49	81.6
Wong	TREASURY A	30	37	81.1
Oppenheim	EMPLOYMENT	29	36	80.6
McKee	CASTAWAYS	24	30	80.0
Herbert	NAT WEST	31	39	79.5
Catt	NAT WEST	19	24	79.2
Chambers	MORPETH	22	31	71.0
Bekele	MORPETH	19	27	70.4
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	33	47	70.2
Blyuss	MORPETH	18	27	66.7
Evans	SPARTA	23	35	65.7
Crawford	PRO	25	41	61.0
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	21	35	60.0
Jones	NAT WEST	26	48	54.2
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	16	31	51.6
Turner	PRO	25	49	51.0
Jameson	OUTCASTS	12	24	50.0
Hattrill	SPARTA	13	28	46.4
Coull	OUTCASTS	10	24	41.7
Francis	INSURANCE	22	54	40.7
Cranstone	INSURANCE	18	48	37.5
Macalister	OUTCASTS	10	27	37.0
Shore	TREASURY B	17	46	37.0
Roullier	OUTCASTS	12	36	33.3
Tokely	SPARTA	14	44	31.8
Codrington	COMETS	7	26	26.9
Buchanan	PRO	9	40	22.5
Velinor	INSURANCE	11	51	21.6
Gargrupe	COMETS	10	52	19.2
Colgan	TREASURY B	4	23	17.4
Gittens	TREASURY B	5	43	11.6
Okai	TREASURY B	4	41	9.8