

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 4**AS AT 23 OCTOBER 2016**

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
TREASURY A	4	3	0	25	15	12	37
PRO	4	2	1	24	16	12	36
CREDEX	3	3	0	26	4	9	35
MORPETH	4	2	0	23	17	12	35
EMPLOYMENT	4	2	0	22	18	12	34
CASTAWAYS	3	2	0	23	7	9	32
NAT WEST	3	2	1	20	10	9	29
COMETS	3	1	0	10	20	9	19
BTB	4	0	0	7	33	12	19
SEDCOPIANS	3	1	0	7	23	9	16
TREASURY B	3	0	0	3	27	9	12

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

THINGS TO NOTE

- ☑ None

COMMENTARY**Week 4**

Week 4 opened with Credex facing a two-man Treasury B team. The result was as anticipated – a 10-0 victory for Credex but it wasn't all one-way traffic. Gittens took an end off Wu, and David Shore did the same against Nelson. Best set of the night was Shore against Wu when David was in front by two ends to one but then lost the remaining two ends by 11-8. Narrow defeat! Second match of the week and another whitewash. This time it was Employment over BTB. This too was closer than the score suggests with only three of the singles sets ending three straight. Gutsiest play of the night came from Anita Jermyn, saving three match points against Geoff Waterhouse and then pinching the set at 16-14 in the fifth, tying this season's longest end. 104 points played in that set! BTB had chances in the doubles but, having got into a winning position in two ends, were piped at the post on both occasions. Third match of the week and yet another whitewash with Old Seds on the wrong end of the match with PRO. The record books show it is almost two years to the day that PRO last won 10-0! For Old Seds, Rod Fitzgerald offered the only resistance on the night holding set points against John Crawford in the third set and taking both Persaud and Buck to five ends. Winner of the night's "Great Escape" award was George Buck who managed to beat Fitzgerald from 10-4 down in the fifth. The fixtures computer has delivered PRO a fairly easy start to the new season, as reflected in the current league table. Treasury A is another team to have made a good start to the season but that all came tumbling down around them in a 9-1 loss to Castaways. Apart from an early success in the second set of the night when Giovanni Giuffrida scored an excellent victory over Andy Nash at 11-5 in the fifth, Treasury didn't have much to be happy about. The only other result of note was Giovanni just missing out to LeMilliere in five ends. It's an odd feature of this season that so many matches are going to five ends but with a relatively small number of points played in total. The two Giuffrida five-enders I've just highlighted comprised just 84 and 82 points respectively. Final match of the week saw Comets pitted against Morpeth. If I tell you that Comets had two players would you like to predict the result? Well, I bet you'd be wrong. Comets' two were Steve Fagan and Steve Codrington. Comets got off to a flying start racing into a 3-0 lead. In the fourth set, Codrington came out of the gate fast against Bekele taking the first end comfortably. Bekele soon settled and in the second game forced Codrington back from the table when disaster strikes, Steve unfortunately caught his bat on some furniture which ripped a chunk of his forehand rubber away at some discomfort. That was the turning point and Bekele went on to win the set in five. Steve Fagan had comfortable wins in all his games (again). The outcome was a 6-4 win for Comets, which probably left Morpeth feeling they should have done better.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 4 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Adewale	CREDEX	6	6	100.0
Fagan	COMETS	6	6	100.0
Herbert	NAT WEST	6	6	100.0
P Fung	CREDEX	5	5	100.0
Crawford	PRO	10	12	83.3
Guimichev	TREASURY A	5	6	83.3
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	5	6	83.3
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	5	6	83.3
Nash	CASTAWAYS	5	6	83.3
Nelson	CREDEX	4	5	80.0
Harris	CASTAWAYS	7	9	77.8
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	7	9	77.8
Bekele	MORPETH	7	10	70.0
Samuels	NAT WEST	6	9	66.7
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	4	6	66.7
Turner	PRO	4	6	66.7
Brown	MORPETH	3	5	60.0
Jones	TREASURY A	7	12	58.3
Persaud	PRO	5	9	55.6
Codrington	COMETS	3	6	50.0
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	3	6	50.0
Jones	NAT WEST	3	6	50.0
Blyuss	MORPETH	2	4	50.0
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	4	9	44.4
Wu	CREDEX	2	5	40.0
Waterhouse	BTB	4	12	33.3
Buck	PRO	3	9	33.3
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	3	9	33.3
Loveder	TREASURY A	2	6	33.3
Mason	SEDCOPIANS	2	6	33.3
Xavier	BTB	2	9	22.2