

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 04

AS AT 13 NOVEMBER 2021

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
COMETS	3	3	0	25	5	9	34
MORPETH A	2	2	0	14	6	6	20
PRO	3	0	0	9	21	9	18
NAT WEST	2	1	0	10	10	6	16
OUTCASTS	2	1	0	6	14	6	12
CASTAWAYS	1	0	0	4	6	3	7
GOOD KARMA	1	0	0	2	8	3	5

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 4

Just one match this week: PRO take on Nat West. The last three times these teams have met the outcome has been 7-3 or 8-2 to Nat West. Will that happen again? PRO field their usual team but Nat West make a change – in comes Tony Catt for his first outing this season. Now Tony usually averages around 70%+ so things don't look good for Nat West. First set sees John Crawford against Gareth Jones. John gets the better of the first three ends so Gareth needs the fourth end to stay in the match. John opens a gap but Gareth fought his way back from 5-10 to 9-10 before losing 11-9. First blood to PRO. Nat West then levelled the match with a clinical three-straight defeat of George Buck by Andrew Muller. First chance to see Tony Catt in the next set and he and Ronnie Turner shared the first two ends. At that point Tony pulled away and always looked to have the upper hand taking the next two ends 11-7. Buck against Jones next and though both these players have been in the division for some years, I don't remember them playing each other before. After three ends, the victory was Gareth's. It wasn't one sided but Gareth seemed always to have enough to stay in front. If anyone was going to trouble Tony Catt it was to be John Crawford. I thought there was the possibility of an upset here but I was badly wrong. The set was over in the blink of an eye, John managing just 18 points in a three-straight loss! Next came the best set of the night. After three close ends Ronnie Turner was just in front of Andrew Muller. The fourth end was again close, going to Andrew 11-8. All to play for in the final end! This looked to be a coin toss as to who should win but it was Andrew who took the victory 11-7. A creditable come-from-behind win for Andrew – five ends and 98 points involved! The last three sets were a bit of an anti-climax, all ending three straight and only a couple of close ends. Once again history had repeated itself and delivered a 7-3 outcome. Reflecting on the match, that looked a fair outcome. Nat West just had too much for PRO on the night.

A full fixtures card next week. Pick of the bunch is Nat West against Castaways. If normal rules apply, you have to take Castaways in that one. – probably by two or three sets. Good Karma against PRO might be a good match. We've not yet seen enough of Karma to judge the strength of their squad. All depends on that. Finally, Outcasts host Morpeth. On paper, this must be the banker win of the week. A big win for Morpeth would put them within touching distance of Comets at the top of the Division.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥3 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Catt	NAT WEST	3	3	100.0
Coull	OUTCASTS	3	3	100.0
Fung	COMETS	3	3	100.0
Harris	CASTAWAYS	3	3	100.0
Wong	COMETS	8	9	88.9
Francis	COMETS	5	6	83.3
Persaud	COMETS	5	6	83.3
Bekele	MORPETH A	4	5	80.0
Blyuss	MORPETH A	2	3	66.7
Brown	MORPETH A	2	3	66.7
Fagan	COMETS	2	3	66.7
Crawford	PRO	5	9	55.6
Muller	NAT WEST	3	6	50.0
Alnak	MORPETH A	1	2	50.0
Robertson	MORPETH A	1	2	50.0
Guimichev	OUTCASTS	2	6	33.3
Herbert	NAT WEST	1	3	33.3
Link	GOOD KARMA	1	3	33.3
Persaud	PRO	1	3	33.3
Roullier	OUTCASTS	1	3	33.3
Sanders	GOOD KARMA	1	3	33.3
Turner	PRO	2	9	22.2
Jones	NAT WEST	1	6	16.7