

# LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 17

AS AT 18 FEBRUARY 2018

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
TREASURY A	16	13	1	134	26	48	182
CASTAWAYS	15	13	1	120	30	45	165
NAT WEST	16	12	2	111	49	48	159
MORPETH	15	10	2	91	59	45	136
EMPLOYMENT	16	7	3	75	85	48	123
PRO	15	4	2	62	88	45	107
INSURANCE	16	5	1	58	102	48	106
SPARTA	15	4	1	57	93	45	102
COMETS	14	5	1	55	85	42	97
OUTCASTS	15	3	1	49	101	45	94
TREASURY B	15	0	1	28	122	45	73

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

## COMMENTARY

### Week 20

First match this week saw Nat West make light work of Treasury B. Six sets ended three straight – all wins for Nat West. Closest set was Jeremy Okai so nearly beating Gareth Jones, losing 11-6 in the fifth. Treasury won one set – David Shore beating Jones in four. Herbert and Samuels had easy nights for Nat West. It was a night when the number three was significant. Chris Herbert captured his third successive Player of the Match award (to equal Tony Catt's record earlier in the season) and it was the third successive match Treasury B lost by a 9-1 scoreline. Next was a really good relegation battle between Comets and Outcasts. Set two dictated the tone with Bob Coull beating reserve Robert Kemp 11-9 in the fifth in a set that could have gone either way. The match score was 3-2 to Outcasts when Comets reeled off three wins on the trot with Kemp having a creditable win over Macalister, Greg Gargrupe beating Coull and Steve Fagan defeating Macalister. Simon Jameson then got the better of Kemp to take the match score to 5-4 in Comets favour with the doubles to come. Once again the doubles was the best set of the night. Outcasts looked to have won after going two ends up. Comets took the third end but Outcasts got within two points of winning the set in the fourth end, only to lose the end 13-11. The fifth end was nip and tuck but it was Comets who emerged the victors by a 11-8 scoreline. This was a good match with only four sets ending three straight. Morpeth beat Insurance 8-2 in the first half and they repeated that performance this week. If you can have such a thing as a "close" 8-2 win, this was it. Morpeth started well and took a 3-0 lead. Set four saw Ian Cranstone and Rob Chambers in a real dogfight. Rob was two ends to one up when Ian took the fourth to force a deciding end. That end just went on and on and eventually culminated at 14-12 with Cranstone the victor. 104 points played in that set and a good win for Ian. Of the five ends played, the largest winning margin was 11-8, which shows how close it was. Strangely, Ian found himself in another five-ender in set eight, his opponent being Stuart Sweeney. This was a replay of the Chambers set, going to five ends but on this occasion Ian was not to win as Stuart edged home 12-10. 99 points played in that one. It was a cruel night for Insurance as they also came out second best in a long doubles where they had their nose in front but narrowly lost the fourth and fifth ends. A quiet but highly effective maximum in that match from Oleg Blyuss for Morpeth, without dropping a single end all evening. Employment are hard to beat with Richard Oppenheim in the side and he had no trouble against Sparta, winning all three but dropping an end to Dave Evans. Shock of the night was Evans going down three straight to Anita Jermyn, which no one would have predicted, given the good form Evans has showed since Christmas. Steve Hattrill was Employment's star, winning two. Good team

performance took Employment to a 7-3 victory – I thought Sparta might have hoped for better. Finally, Treasury A kept up the pressure on Castaways, blowing away PRO by 10-0. As has been the case on more than one occasion this season, it was Ronnie Turner who stood out for PRO taking an end off all three Treasury players. Otherwise it was one-way traffic with the remaining sets going three straight to Treasury A.

One step nearer to the end of the season and nothing is yet resolved. At the bottom, Insurance, Sparta, Comets and Outcasts look like they'll be battling it out until the last week of the season to avoid the second relegation slot. At the top, it looks like the coming week's match between Castaways and Treasury A will determine who takes this year's title. It all might be clearer by next week as Comets meet Sparta in a "must win" fixture and Outcasts will be hoping to take a good number of points off PRO. On top of that, Nat West take on Morpeth with the latter looking to avenge their 7-3 loss in the first half.

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**AVERAGES (Qualification:  $\geq 18$  sets played)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Sets Won</b>	<b>Sets Played</b>	<b>Average (%)</b>
Harris	CASTAWAYS	25	27	92.6
Persaud	TREASURY A	32	36	88.9
Fung	TREASURY A	29	33	87.9
McKee	CASTAWAYS	21	24	87.5
Herbert	NAT WEST	28	33	84.8
Wong	TREASURY A	28	34	82.4
Catt	NAT WEST	19	24	79.2
Fagan	COMETS	30	38	78.9
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	33	44	75.0
Oppenheim	EMPLOYMENT	20	27	74.1
Bekele	MORPETH	17	24	70.8
Blyuss	MORPETH	14	21	66.7
Evans	SPARTA	23	35	65.7
Chambers	MORPETH	15	23	65.2
Brown	MORPETH	13	20	65.0
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	16	28	57.1
Jameson	OUTCASTS	12	21	57.1
Jones	NAT WEST	21	39	53.8
Crawford	PRO	17	32	53.1
Hattrill	SPARTA	12	23	52.2
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	15	29	51.7
Turner	PRO	19	40	47.5
Coull	OUTCASTS	10	24	41.7
Francis	INSURANCE	19	46	41.3
Macalister	OUTCASTS	9	24	37.5
Cranstone	INSURANCE	16	43	37.2
Shore	TREASURY B	13	35	37.1
Roullier	OUTCASTS	11	30	36.7
Tokely	SPARTA	12	36	33.3
Codrington	COMETS	7	26	26.9
Velinor	INSURANCE	11	43	25.6
Buchanan	PRO	9	37	24.3
Colgan	TREASURY B	4	23	17.4
Gargrupe	COMETS	6	41	14.6

Okai	TREASURY B	3	30	10.0
Gittens	TREASURY B	3	32	9.4