

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 8

AS AT 3 DECEMBER 2017

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CASTAWAYS	8	7	0	62	18	24	86
NAT WEST	8	6	1	56	24	24	80
MORPETH	8	5	2	51	29	24	75
TREASURY A	7	5	0	52	18	21	73
EMPLOYMENT	7	2	2	31	39	21	52
INSURANCE	8	2	0	25	55	24	49
PRO	6	2	1	30	30	18	48
OUTCASTS	8	1	1	24	56	24	48
COMETS	6	3	1	29	31	18	47
SPARTA	7	2	1	25	45	21	46
TREASURY B	7	0	1	15	55	21	36

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 9

First match of the week saw Morpeth and Comets fight out an interesting draw. For Comets, Steve Fagan won all three but he dropped ends to both Duncan Brown and Sammy Bekele. The match outcome really turned on Steve Codrington's sets. Bekele beat Steve in four ends but Steve's other two sets were much closer. He was two ends down to Rob Chambers but then rattled off the next three ends to win it 11-6 in the fifth. Finally came an absolute marathon with Duncan Brown in which Steve won the first two ends, lost the third at 14-12 and the fourth at 18-16. The final end was equally close but Steve edged home 11-9 after 117 points were played. That would have tied the Divisional record for the most points played in single set but for that extraordinary Shore / Gargrue set last week. The doubles proved to be another long set with Morpeth coming from behind to pinch it 11-6 in the fifth. That meant the match was drawn. A good close contest where only two sets ended three straight. Castaways were looking to take all ten sets against Sparta but it was not to be. One set eluded them – David Evans beating Norman Grant three straight in pretty short order. After that, no one got close to Pete Harris but it was Evans again who threatened to take another set, pushing Neil LeMilliere to a fifth end before losing 11-8. That was the only close set in a fairly routine win for Castaways. It was a similar story in the Outcasts versus Treasury A match. All the singles sets bar one finished three straight. That set was a hard fought battle between Giovanni Giuffrida and Bob Coull. Giovanni won the first two ends with ease but then the pendulum swung Bob's way as he won the third and fourth ends. Bob managed to keep up that momentum in the fifth end to win the set 11-7. That was Outcasts' single victory so it was 9-1 to Treasury A. Employment have found a good new player in Richard Oppenheim, coming back from a break for table tennis. He proved too strong for Insurance, winning all three. Albert Francis got as close as 11-8 in the fifth and Ian Cranstone lost in three deuce ends. The night began with a close set between Cranstone and Baylis. Paul got the better of the first three ends, Ian levelled the set only to lose by a whisker 11-9 in the fifth. Jon Velinor recorded an excellent 11-6 in the fifth win over Anita Jermyn, who also lost to Albert Francis. In between those wins Anita has a surprisingly easy victory over Cranstone, three straight, dropping just 15 points. An 8-2 success for Employment.

No result has yet been received for the Treasury B v. PRO game played this week.

The League table is starting to split into two halves, the top four and then the rest. Just six points separate positions five to eleven. Next week looks like a quiet week and I doubt I'll have many surprise results to report.

This builds to the final week of the half where two or three fixtures have the potential to influence the league positions significantly. Not much movement in the averages but still a few unexpected names in the top ten positions.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 9 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Catt	NAT WEST	11	12	91.7
Harris	CASTAWAYS	11	12	91.7
McKee	CASTAWAYS	11	12	91.7
Fagan	COMETS	15	17	88.2
Herbert	NAT WEST	10	12	83.3
Persaud	TREASURY A	11	14	78.6
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	9	12	75.0
Bekele	MORPETH	11	15	73.3
Grant	CASTAWAYS	8	11	72.7
Fung	TREASURY A	10	14	71.4
Blyuss	MORPETH	8	12	66.7
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	8	12	66.7
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	15	23	65.2
Crawford	PRO	11	17	64.7
Wong	TREASURY A	9	14	64.3
Evans	SPARTA	10	17	58.8
Chambers	MORPETH	7	12	58.3
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	8	14	57.1
Turner	PRO	8	14	57.1
Jones	NAT WEST	10	18	55.6
Shore	TREASURY B	10	18	55.6
Johansson	MORPETH	5	9	55.6
Brown	MORPETH	6	12	50.0
Macalister	OUTCASTS	6	12	50.0
Tokely	SPARTA	8	18	44.4
Coull	OUTCASTS	4	9	44.4
Jameson	OUTCASTS	4	9	44.4
Francis	INSURANCE	10	24	41.7
Roullier	OUTCASTS	5	15	33.3
Cranstone	INSURANCE	6	21	28.6
Velinor	INSURANCE	6	21	28.6
Buchanan	PRO	4	14	28.6
Jones	OUTCASTS	3	12	25.0
Gargrupe	COMETS	2	17	11.8
Gittens	TREASURY B	2	21	9.5
Okai	TREASURY B	1	12	8.3