

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CREDEX	5	4	0	38	12	15	53
NAT WEST	5	4	0	37	13	15	52
CASTAWAYS	4	4	0	35	5	12	47
TREASURY A	5	4	0	29	21	15	44
JOOLA	5	3	0	26	24	15	41
PRO	5	2	0	24	26	15	39
COMETS	5	1	0	21	29	15	36
EMPLOYMENT	5	1	1	17	33	15	32
OUTCASTS	4	0	1	8	32	12	20
TREASURY B	5	0	0	5	45	15	20

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

THINGS TO NOTE

Don't forget all results should go to Gerry Martin and me.

One result missing. Week 4: Treasury B versus PRO

COMMENTARY

Week 3 (late result)

Joola beat Employment 6-4 despite a maximum from Employment's Paul Baylis. The match started with two close sets which both went Employment's way. Bayliss beat Oleg Blyuss 11-5 in the fifth, and Alan Kelleher beat Terese Johansson 11-8 in the fifth. After that, it all went Joola's way and the only remaining set in doubt was Bayliss being taken close by Rob Chambers before winning in the fifth end.

Week 4:

Started with a huge upset when Nat West beat title holders Credex by 6-4. "Did Credex have two players?", you might ask but, no, this was a very strong three-player Credex team. So who did the damage? The answer was Les Samuels with a jaw dropping maximum and a hand in the doubles win. Les beat Persaud in four, Django Fung in three and Perry Fung in five! To put that in perspective, all the Credex players average about 80% in this Division while Les, who hasn't played much in this League recently, averaged about 50% last time he appeared. It brought to an end a year long run of Credex remaining unbeaten that spanned 20 consecutive matches. The night started unexpectedly when Tony Catt beat Perry Fung. After that it was all Samuels until set seven when Chris Herbert beat Persaud in four close ends. Then came the icing on the cake when Samuels and Herbert combined to win a long doubles set at 11-7 in the fifth. A night to remember! Comets made short work of Employment, winning 8-2. Comets' Steve Fagan dropped just one end, to Anita Jermyn. Gargrupe and Lopes both won two sets, both losing to Richard Mak. Only one close singles set all night – Don Lopes beating Frank DeSantos 11-5 in the fifth. The doubles was weird as Employment won the first two ends and then won just nine points in the next three ends! I thought Joola would push Castaways closer than the actual 9-1 outcome. The one set Joola won was the result of an 11-9 in the fifth win for Rob Chambers over Neil LeMilliere. The remaining sets were uneventful bar a heart stopping set between Chambers and Pat Caunt. Rob got the better of the first three ends and nearly won it in the fourth before losing 12-10. At two ends each, a marathon fifth set was played out that culminated in a win for Caunt at 19-17. That's the longest single end of the season so far and, at 112 points, it also claimed the longest set record too. Shouldn't let that overshadow an untroubled maximum from Castaways' Andy Nash in that match.

Week 5:

And Credex blow away another potential title contender in Treasury A. The score was 9-1 and, to be honest, there was only one hotly contested set when Winston Wong faced Stefan Berkenkamp. Stefan took the first two ends. Winston retaliated by taking the next two ends to set up an interesting final end. It could have gone either

way but Stefan emerged triumphant at 11-8. The match put a big dent in Winston's unbeaten season! The positives for Treasury were Guimichev taking an end off all three Credex players and Giuffrida was briefly in the set with Berkenkamp but also lost in four. Meanwhile, title rivals Castaways made short work of Comets by 7-3. It was that man Fagan who won the three sets for Comets though it couldn't have been closer and all three sets went to a fifth end. Steve was match point down in two of them! First, Neil LeMillere got mighty close only to lose 13-11. Then Pete Harris won the first two ends against Steve before fortunes turned and Pete went down 12-10 in the fifth. And, finally, Andy Nash pushed Steve all the way to the very end before losing 11-5 in the fifth. Some night for Steve – three sets, 15 ends and 291 points played for the maximum! I thought Employment might edge out Treasury B but not in the way it happened. The result was 6-4 to Employment but they managed that with just a single victory from Paul Baylis. Paul started well against John Colgan but then lost to both Dight and Shore. So Richard Mak was the hero then? No, he too scored a single win – a marathon 103 points before beating Dight 14-12 in the fifth. Employment's hero was newcomer Chris McKee who won all three at a canter, dropping a single end all evening (to Dight). This match was the first of the season to feature that rare event of all six players winning at least one set. PRO's John Crawford has played in this league man and boy and still puts in solid performances. This week he took two wins against last week's wonder team, Nat West. John opened with a nail biter against high-flying Les Samuels that twisted and turned right through to its conclusion at a 13-11 win for John in the fifth. John went on to beat Gareth James but couldn't make much headway against Tony Catt, losing in four. Tony went through the night untroubled for a maximum and good team contributions – two from Samuels and one from Jones - saw Nat West through to a 7-3 win.

Week 6:

Begins with a crushing win for Nat West over Employment. This can't be good news for Employment as they probably can't field a stronger team and a 10-0 loss signifies hard times to come. Six of the ten sets concluded three straight. For Employment, Paul Baylis got nowhere – wasn't his average about 70% last season? – and last week's hero – Chris McKee – fared no better. One close set – Baylis was two ends up against Gareth Jones before the fight back began and Gareth came home 11-7 in the fifth. PRO have found a new player in Marco Yu and he made an instant impact with two wins against Treasury A. One of those wins didn't seem likely when Winston Wong took the first two ends off him. But then something altered and Marco came back to win in five ends, the final end culminating at 11-5. The one set Marc lost was to Mike Loveder who won in four ends with scores that looked almost comfortable. Mike had previously lost the first set of the night to John Crawford – an old rivalry that goes back way into the past. This was another see-saw set with Mike winning the first two ends and then suffering a collapse to eventually lose in five. Very frustrating! Notable five-end win for Jeremy Jones over Crawford in that match. Treasury A won the match by 7-3 but the scorecard is littered with 11-9s and 12-10s so closer than the outcome suggests. Castaways kept up the pressure on the leaders with a 10-0 win over Treasury B. Hard to find much to comment on in that. Eight sets ended three straight and two sets went to four ends. A subdued night for Treasury B when none of their team managed to get anything going. Final match of the period saw a close encounter between Joola and Outcasts. Again, the score – 9-1 to Joola – was misleading as there were lots of close sets. Bob Coull got the single victory for Outcasts but he could have had a maximum, beating Brown but losing in five ends to both Blyuss and Bekele. Best set of the night was the doubles. Both the first two ends were close but Joola took them. Outcasts staged a comeback and won the next two ends 11-8 and 12-10. The final end could have gone either way and, true to form, ended up at 10-10 before the last two points went to Joola. 107 points fought out over five ends. I suspect Outcasts felt Lady Luck should have favoured them after such a brave fight!

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 6 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Caunt	CASTAWAYS	6	6	100.0
Harris	CASTAWAYS	8	9	88.9
Soullier	CREDEX	8	9	88.9
Fagan	COMETS	13	15	86.7
Samuels	NAT WEST	13	15	86.7
Berkenkamp	CREDEX	10	12	83.3
D. Fung	CREDEX	5	6	83.3
Nash	CASTAWAYS	5	6	83.3
Herbert	NAT WEST	7	9	77.8
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	7	9	77.8
P. Fung	CREDEX	9	12	75.0
Wong	TREASURY A	8	12	66.7
Catt	NAT WEST	6	9	66.7
Coull	OUTCASTS	4	6	66.7
Persaud	PRO	4	6	66.7
Crawford	PRO	9	15	60.0
Jones	NAT WEST	7	12	58.3
Jones	TREASURY A	7	12	58.3
Turner	PRO	7	12	58.3
Blyuss	JOOLA	5	9	55.6
Bekele	JOOLA	4	8	50.0
Guimichev	TREASURY A	3	6	50.0
Loveder	TREASURY A	3	6	50.0
Persaud	CREDEX	3	6	50.0
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	4	9	44.4
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	4	9	44.4
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	4	9	44.4
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	5	12	41.7
Roulier	OUTCASTS	4	12	33.3
Chambers	JOOLA	3	9	33.3
Gargrupe	COMETS	3	9	33.3
Kelleher	EMPLOYMENT	2	6	33.3
Lopes	COMETS	2	6	33.3
Shore	TREASURY B	2	6	33.3
Codrington	COMETS	1	6	16.7
Johansson	JOOLA	1	6	16.7
Dight	TREASURY B	2	15	13.3