

# LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 15

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	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>P</b>
CASTAWAYS	13	12	0	110	20	39	149
CREDEX	13	11	0	109	21	39	148
TREASURY A	14	10	0	88	52	42	130
MORPETH	14	8	0	81	59	42	123
NAT WEST	13	8	2	81	49	39	120
COMETS	14	7	1	70	70	39	109
PRO	14	5	2	66	74	42	108
EMPLOYMENT	13	6	1	66	64	39	105
BTB	14	1	0	25	115	42	67
SEDCOPIANS	14	1	0	20	120	42	62
TREASURY B	12	2	0	24	96	36	60

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

## COMMENTARY

### Week 12 (rearranged match)

It hasn't proved easy to arrange the match between Employment and Nat West. When a date was finally settled it came at a point when Nat West are struggling to get a team out because of health problems. They played the match with two players, which is tough but I guess that's just how it goes. Added to that it was a difficult night for Gareth Jones who couldn't seem to get anything going and lost all three. Nat West's other player was Chris Penrose who won three as expected but dropped ends to both Chris McKee and Anita Jermyn. Employment lost the doubles but won the match 6-4. From topping the Division for the first six weeks of the season Nat West have now dropped down to fourth place.

### Week 20

First match of the week involved BTB and Employment. With Employment 2-0 up, Geoff Waterhouse and Anita Jermyn fought out a close set. Anita came from two ends down to level the match and eventually took the win 11-8 in the fifth after 90 points had been played. Unfortunately that was the end of the evening for Anita as she discovered that she had re-opened a wound on her foot and was bleeding profusely. Anita ended up at St Thomas' hospital and had to concede her other two sets. Let's hope she's okay. At the end of the night BTB came away with just those two concessionary wins and an 8-2 defeat. Second contest of the week was the big one: third placed Treasury A versus first place Castaways. Would Castaways drop sets? Castaways sprung out to a 5-0 lead, the highlight of which was a top-of-the-averages battle between Pete Harris and Winston Wong. By winning the third end 15-13, Pete took a two ends to one lead. Winston fought back to win the fourth end 11-8. Was Harris's unbeaten run about to come to an end? We didn't have to wait long for an answer as in the fifth end, Winston's game strangely fell apart and he lost the end 11-2. The significance of Harris's win was clear by the end of the night as Winston beat Pat Caunt comfortably three straight and Keld Jakslund in four. Treasury's other two players – Guimichev and Giuffrida - were a bit out gunned in this company and could only manage two ends between them all evening. So, a 8-2 win for Castaways and their lead at the top of the Division reduced to a precarious one point. This week Credex faced bottom of the table Treasury B so the chances of them dropping sets was slim. As the match played out, that slim chance became no chance as Credex cantered home 10-0, losing just one end all evening. The other "feature" match of the week came next as Comets visit Morpeth. I had this down as a tight draw but that prospect quickly vanished because of a no show by Steve Fagan, stuck in traffic. Steve Codrington played well to beat both Blyuss and Brown in four ends but met his match in Sammy Bekele, going down three straight. Steve's two wins were as far as it went for Comets and what might have been a close contest became a runaway 8-2 win for Morpeth. Final match of the week involved PRO and Old Seds. PRO won this fixture 10-0 in the first half and repeated that scoreline in the second half. Not much for Seds to be happy

about in this match but Alec Fenn and Tony Mason both took an end off Jai Persaud. For PRO, John Crawford was in a hurry and lost just 41 points in his nine ends.

Castaways remain top but Credex are slowly reeling them in. At the bottom, Old Seds and BTB are putting some distance between themselves and Treasury B but Treasury have two matches in hand so every chance to overtake their relegation rivals. We're going through a very predictable phase of the season where close matches, upset wins and other heroics are few and far between. Next week's matches are a good example of this and I doubt will alter the title race or relegation battle unless Employment find a hero against Credex. Match of the week is PRO versus Morpeth where PRO will want to improve on their dismal first half performance when they lost 8-2. I'm particularly looking forwards to the prospect of Crawford versus Bekele, who currently have identical averages. Pete Harris's defeat of Winston Wong cements his place as the season's MVP. Top of the averages with just two losses, his winning streak extended to 27 wins and six Player of the Match Awards provide the evidence.

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**AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 16 sets played)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Sets Won</b>	<b>Sets Played</b>	<b>Average (%)</b>
Harris	CASTAWAYS	30	32	93.8
Fagan	COMETS	25	28	89.3
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	16	18	88.9
Wong	TREASURY A	20	23	87.0
P Fung	CREDEX	28	33	84.8
Herbert	NAT WEST	15	18	83.3
Nash	CASTAWAYS	15	18	83.3
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	21	26	80.8
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	13	17	76.5
Nelson	CREDEX	16	22	72.7
Crawford	PRO	25	35	71.4
Bekele	MORPETH	20	28	71.4
Guimichev	TREASURY A	15	21	71.4
Samuels	NAT WEST	17	24	70.8
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	13	19	68.4
Blyuss	MORPETH	15	24	62.5
Codrington	COMETS	21	35	60.0
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	12	21	57.1
Brown	MORPETH	12	22	54.5
Turner	PRO	13	24	54.2
Persaud	PRO	14	27	51.9
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	15	29	51.7
Jones	TREASURY A	17	33	51.5
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	17	34	50.0
Jones	NAT WEST	14	28	50.0
Shore	TREASURY B	9	29	31.0
Dight	TREASURY B	6	20	30.0
Sinarain	COMETS	7	26	26.9
Buck	PRO	7	27	25.9
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	7	27	25.9
Lavis	SEDCOPIANS	6	24	25.0
Johansson	MORPETH	5	20	25.0
Waterhouse	BTB	8	38	21.1
Xavier	BTB	5	36	13.9
Mason	SEDCOPIANS	3	24	12.5
Okai	TREASURY B	2	20	10.0
Gittens	TREASURY B	2	24	8.3
Roberts	BTB	2	33	6.1