

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 7

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	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CREDEX	7	6	0	58	12	21	79
CASTAWAYS	6	5	0	50	10	18	68
PRO	8	3	2	39	41	24	63
TREASURY A	6	5	0	41	19	18	59
NAT WEST	6	4	1	39	21	18	57
COMETS	7	4	0	35	35	18	53
MORPETH	6	3	0	34	26	18	52
EMPLOYMENT	7	2	1	30	40	21	51
BTB	7	0	0	11	59	21	32
TREASURY B	6	1	0	12	48	18	30
SEDCOPIANS	6	1	0	11	49	18	29

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

THINGS TO NOTE

- None

COMMENTARY

Week 3 (postponed match)

Comets continue their successful run with an 8-2 defeat of Old Seds. The win was built on another six out of six for the two Steves. This week it was Steve Codrington's time to shine, winning all his sets three straight. In contrast, Steve Fagan went to four on every occasion and very nearly went to five with Rod Fitzgerald. Comets had Peter Yeadon on debut and he lost to Fitzgerald but won his other two. The doubles was going to form with Comets two ends up when Seds pinched the third end 13-11. They did it again in the fourth end, taking that one 11-9. Going into the fifth end and we're waiting for the inevitable to happen. But it didn't, and all of a sudden Seds have got a match point! You still feel this is not going to happen but Seds proved the doubters wrong by winning the final end 11-9. 100 points played in that clash and the honours go to Seds.

Week 10 (match played early)

PRO fielded two players against Credex and went down 9-1. This wasn't completely one sided as evidenced by Crawford taking an end off Fung in the first set. Jai Persaud did the same and repeated that against his namesake Laikram. PRO's high spot was a satisfying three straight win for Crawford over Anton Wu.

Week 8

No Steve Fagan for Comets against Credex and any hope of an upset evaporated. Richi Sinarain took an end off Nelson in the first set of the night and Steve Codrington lost a close set over four ends against Persaud but it was one-way traffic other than that. Credex's third 10-0 of the season brings to an end a streak of four straight victories for Comets. Next came a real humdinger of a match as Treasury A take on Nat West. For Nat West, Tony Catt made his first appearance of the season and began by beating Petko Guimichev. Looking back on this match, there were three key sets that turned the result. The first came up in set two when Winston Wong faced Les Samuels. Winston dropped the first end but then went up a gear and powered through the next three ends for an excellent victory (last season they met twice and it was honours even). Giovanni Giuffrida gave Samuels a run for his money in set six losing 11-5 in the fifth. The match score was delicately balanced at 3-3 and we move to the second decisive set when Giuffrida stepped up to face Catt. Last time these two met, Giovanni managed just 18 points in losing three straight, so the odds favoured Tony. However, suddenly we're in the fourth end and

Tony is fighting for his life, being two ends to one down. Tony pulls that one out but Giovanni keeps up the pressure and emerges victorious at 11-6 in the fifth. Really exceptional win at just the right moment! The match score moves to 5-4 to Treasury's advantage and we reach the third decisive set. Now Nat West have a perfect doubles record but the momentum is with Treasury. After three tense ends, Nat West are 2-1 up. Treasury run away with the fourth end by 11-3. The fifth end was a real battle but it was Treasury that came out on top to win the match and dent Nat West's doubles record. One of the closest matches of the season so far and an impressive team effort from Treasury! Next match this week pitted Castaways against BTB. Castaways fielded Phil Wroe, who didn't appear in the 2015-16 season and last played in 2014-15 against – guess who? – BTB. The match result was never in doubt but Geoff Waterhouse took an end off Wroe and Flavinda Xavier did the same against Jaksland. Phil Wroe needed an injury timeout having cut his leg while playing Flavinda – don't ask me how! - and dropped an end before beating her in four. A big match at the bottom of the Division as Treasury B takes on Old Seds. The first set saw Rod Fitzgerald and David Shore slugging it out over five ends. David went two ends to one down but won the next two ends fairly comfortably. Treasury B reeled off a string of victories and by the end of the night had won the match by a convincing 8-2. Old Seds successes were Lavis and Mason beating Gittens. Rod Fitzgerald, having outscored his teammates in each previous match, emerged winless. One of those nights! That result certainly affected the bottom of the table, which now looks a lot closer than it did in the last bulletin. PRO had every reason to fancy their chances against an Employment side lacking Baylis and McKee. First set to PRO as John Crawford wins his usual tight encounter with Richard Mak. In set two, Anita Jermyn scored a good close win over Jai Persaud. Set five and the first rumblings of an upset as Jermyn beats Crawford in four close ends. The match score reaches 3-3 and a real ding-dong ensues as Jermyn faces Ronnie Turner. Anita takes the first two ends but Ronnie, having come close to defeat in the fourth end, fights back to take the next two. A really close fifth end and Anita squeezes home after 96 points to score an impressive maximum. Well done! Employment were 5-4 up when the doubles began but couldn't pull off the upset as PRO came home 11-8 in the fourth to draw the match. Second draw of the season so far and both have featured PRO. Good close match!

Positions at the top of the Division are starting to stretch out. Credex turn the screws on their rivals with that whitewash of Comets. Castaways can do more than keep winning 10-0. Nat West fall back after the loss to Treasury. And amongst all those highflying teams we find PRO who, irrespective of playing more matches than the others, are having a rather satisfactory first half! The bottom three are now in a bunch and BTB's advantage suddenly seems to have disappeared. Things certainly seem to change quickly! Highlight of next week is whether Treasury A can make any headway against Credex.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 8 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Fagan	COMETS	15	15	100.0
Herbert	NAT WEST	9	9	100.0
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	9	9	100.0
Wong	TREASURY A	9	9	100.0
P Fung	CREDEX	14	15	93.3
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	11	12	91.7
Nash	CASTAWAYS	8	9	88.9
Harris	CASTAWAYS	10	12	83.3
Nelson	CREDEX	10	13	76.9
Crawford	PRO	18	24	75.0
Guimichev	TREASURY A	9	12	75.0
Persaud	CREDEX	6	8	75.0
Samuels	NAT WEST	13	18	72.2
Bekele	MORPETH	11	16	68.8
Codrington	COMETS	12	18	66.7
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	8	12	66.7
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	8	12	66.7
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	7	12	58.3
Jones	TREASURY A	7	12	58.3
Jones	NAT WEST	6	12	50.0
Blyuss	MORPETH	5	10	50.0
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	8	18	44.4
Wu	CREDEX	4	9	44.4
Dight	TREASURY B	5	12	41.7
Turner	PRO	5	12	41.7
Buck	PRO	6	15	40.0
Persaud	PRO	6	15	40.0
Mason	SEDCOPIANS	3	9	33.3
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	4	15	26.7
Shore	TREASURY B	4	15	26.7
Waterhouse	BTB	5	20	25.0
Sinarain	COMETS	3	12	25.0
Gittens	TREASURY B	2	12	16.7
Lavis	SEDCOPIANS	2	12	16.7
Xavier	BTB	2	17	11.8
Roberts	BTB	1	17	5.9