

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 21

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	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CASTAWAYS	19	18	0	166	24	57	223
CREDEX	19	17	0	166	24	57	223
TREASURY A	19	13	0	118	72	57	175
NAT WEST	19	11	2	118	72	57	175
MORPETH	19	12	0	112	78	57	169
EMPLOYMENT	19	10	1	97	93	54	151
PRO	20	6	3	87	113	60	147
COMETS	19	8	2	89	101	54	143
TREASURY B	19	4	0	51	139	57	108
BTB	19	1	0	26	164	57	83
SEDCOPIANS	19	1	0	20	170	54	74

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

COMMENTARY**Week 27**

The Credex juggernaut steamrollers on with a 10-0 win over Old Seds. Seds only had two players – first time this season – and didn't manage to win an end. BTB put up a fight against Nat West but the outcome was the same. Chris Penrose was untroubled but Mike Hughes dropped an end to both Xavier and Roberts and only just beat Waterhouse 11-9 in the fifth in a very close set. Gareth Jones dropped an end to both Roberts and Waterhouse. So, 10-0 to Nat West. Third match of the week and another 10-0! This time it was Treasury B on the wrong end of a good team performance from Employment. The night began with a real nail biter between Richard Mak and David Shore. First three ends are all close but Richard just shades it. In the fourth end, David levels it to take them to the fifth. This end went on and on until Richard squeaked home 13-11. 104 hotly contested points in that set. Further heartbreak for David in his next set when he found himself up by two ends to one up against Chris McKee only for Chris to take the fourth end then romp away with fifth! Star of the night was Anita Jermyn who won all three without dropping an end. Fourth match of the week and the big one as Castaways take on PRO. Crawford, Turner and Buck selected for PRO. Another 10-0 do you think? This was a real pressure match for Castaways as any set lost set back their title hopes considerably. Castaways began like a train and won the first five singles sets three straight. A slight hiccup in set six as George Buck takes an end off Andy Nash before Andy runs out the winner. The hiccup repeats in set seven as Ronnie Turner sneaks an end off LeMilliere but Neil holds his nerve to win in four. 9-0 going into the doubles and the best set of the night. PRO start well, winning the first end. Castaways come back to take the second and third ends. But PRO won't lie down and level the match. High pressure in the final end but things look good for Castaways leading by 5-2. PRO then start to nibble away at the lead finally getting back to parity at 9-9. Were Castaways about to fall at the final hurdle? Much to their great relief, Castaways managed to win the next two points and, job done, the required 10-0 outcome. A good contest! Final match of the week and the one I selected last week as likely to be the closest of the week – Morpeth versus Treasury A. First blood to Morpeth as Giovanni Giuffrida comes from two ends to one down to pull off an against-the-averages win over Oleg Blyuss. Treasury go 2-0 up as Wong beats Duncan Brown. A glance at the averages tells us Brown and Giuffrida are evenly matched and so it proved to be. Giovanni leads by two ends to one but Brown storms back to take the fourth end and run away with the final end 11-5. Next set sees déjà vu as Jeremy Jones leads Blyuss by two sets to one only to drop the fourth and fifth ends! Set six and Winston Wong against Rob Chambers. Now Rob does not play enough to qualify for the averages but his 76% average shows he is going to be no pushover. In the blink of an eye the set is over and Rob wins three straight, all three ends finishing at 11-9. A very good win! Set seven and Brown leads Jeremy Jones by two ends to one. It looked like that scoreline's curse was going to repeat as Jeremy takes the fourth end. The final end was close but Brown edged it 11-9. Morpeth have come from 2-0 down to 5-2 up. The score moved to 6-2 as Giuffrida put up a really good fight against Chambers but lost it 11-6 in the fifth. Wong went on to beat Blyuss and Treasury prevailed in the doubles to make the outcome 6-4 to Morpeth. Five sets went all the way, there were three come-from-behind wins, and a maximum from Rob Chambers gives him the Player of the Match award. Good match!

So we enter the season's final week with Credex and Castaways neck and neck. Credex have to win 6-4 or better to retain the title. For Castaways, the focus is on winning at least five sets as a draw gives them the title on the "matches won" countback. If everyone is available, the Credex team picks itself: Adewale, Fung and Persaud. For Castaways, I'd select Harris and Nash but I'd need to think about LeMilliere or Jaksland as the third player. It will be interesting to see how that resolves. Good luck to both teams!

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 23 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Adewale	CREDEX	27	27	100.0
Harris	CASTAWAYS	43	46	93.5
Nash	CASTAWAYS	29	32	90.6
Persaud	CREDEX	26	29	89.7
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	20	23	87.0
P Fung	CREDEX	44	51	86.3
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	32	38	84.2
Fagan	COMETS	33	40	82.5
Wong	TREASURY A	25	32	78.1
Samuels	NAT WEST	20	27	74.1
Bekele	MORPETH	25	34	73.5
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	17	26	65.4
Blyuss	MORPETH	25	39	64.1
Crawford	PRO	29	47	61.7
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	20	33	60.6
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	17	32	53.1
Codrington	COMETS	26	50	52.0
Dight	TREASURY B	18	35	51.4
Persaud	PRO	20	39	51.3
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	21	41	51.2
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	26	51	51.0
Brown	MORPETH	17	34	50.0
Jones	TREASURY A	22	45	48.9
Jones	NAT WEST	22	46	47.8
Turner	PRO	19	42	45.2
Shore	TREASURY B	16	47	34.0
Sinarain	COMETS	7	29	24.1
Buck	PRO	9	39	23.1
Johansson	MORPETH	5	23	21.7
Lavis	SEDCOPIANS	6	30	20.0
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	7	39	17.9
Waterhouse	BTB	8	53	15.1
Mason	SEDCOPIANS	3	24	12.5
Xavier	BTB	6	51	11.8
Okai	TREASURY B	2	29	6.9
Gittens	TREASURY B	2	36	5.6
Roberts	BTB	2	45	4.4
Fenn	SEDCOPIANS	1	24	4.2