

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 09

AS AT 17 DECEMBER 2021

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
COMETS	6	6	0	50	10	18	68
MORPETH A	6	4	1	37	23	18	55
NAT WEST	6	3	2	33	27	18	51
CASTAWAYS	5	2	1	25	25	15	40
PRO	6	0	1	19	41	18	37
GOOD KARMA	5	0	1	15	35	15	30
OUTCASTS	4	1	0	11	29	12	23

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

THINGS TO NOTE

Individual match details can be found on the website at:

https://www.tabletennis365.com/LondonBanksAndCivilService/Fixtures/Active_Season_21-22/Division_One

COMMENTARY

Week 9

One postponed match to report on which is the last match of the half.

Winless Karma take on Nat West. Karma fields Ben Link and Bing Siah plus newcomer Jason Killip who's played for a few clubs in this league, most recently Employment last season. Nat West strengthen up with the inclusion of unbeaten Tony Catt plus Chris Herbert and Gareth Jones. Looks like a difficult night for Karma! First set of the night took no time at all as Catt showed his class to dismiss Ben Link three straight for the loss of a miserly 14 points. Set two looked to be going the same way as Chris Hebert eased through the first two ends against Bing Siah. There's a temporary hiccup in the third end which Siah takes 11-5 but Chris returned to winning ways in the fourth end, running away with it 11-4. 2-0 to Nat West and Karma aren't in the game yet. Jason Killip then came in against Gareth Jones and things looked brighter for Karma. The first end goes to Jason narrowly 13-11. The second end was also close but again Jason took it with a two point gap 11-9. Gareth is two ends down but definitely not without hope. Someone has to raise their game. Well, in the third end that proved to be Jason, putting some daylight between himself and Gareth by a 11-6 scoreline. The fourth set went to Nat West in another lightning fast performance from Tony Catt taking out Siah for the loss of 14 points. Is Tony in a hurry to get away? Set five saw the end of this run of one-sided victories with a mighty tussle between Link and Jones. After three close ends Gareth held the advantage. In the fourth end Link prevails 11-8 to even the score and set up a fifth end decider. This proved to be the closest of races that was destined to end at deuce. After 100 points the winner emerged...and it was Ben but only just. The match score moves to 3-2 to Nat West. The next set was Killip against Herbert – this should be good! First end to Jason – a narrow 12-10 win. Second end to Chris – a little easier at 11-7. Jason pulls ahead in the third end, winning it 11-9. It's now or never for Chris in the fourth end but Jason stands firm and closes out the set by an 11-7 scoreline. Slightly to my surprise, Karma are still in it – it's level pegging at three sets all. In the next set Gareth Jones had another marathon contest, this time against Bing Siah. After three ends it's advantage to Siah but Gareth just pinches the fourth end 11-9. With the earlier fifth end loss to Link in mind Gareth pulls out all the stops and storms home 11-6. Set eight is the one I'm waiting for – Killip against Catt. So far as I know they've only played each other once before and Tony won that three straight. Tony looks in brilliant form but Jason is no slouch and I expect a close contest. The first two ends were shared. The third end went on and on and either could have won it. When the dust settled it was Tony who came out in front - just – winning 16-14. That win proved to be decisive as Jason could not wrestle back the initiative and lost the fourth end 11-7. A good performance from Jason but not quite enough. The final singles set was a surprisingly easy win for Herbert over Link, three straight and 17 points conceded. With Nat West winning the doubles, and thereby taking all the last four sets, the winning margin was 7-3. Two sets went to five and four

more sets ended at the fourth end. I think that flattered Nat West slightly but Tony Catt's maximum clearly made him Player of the Match. Tony ends the half on top of the averages and the only player with an unbeaten record.

That brings the first half to a close. We carry over two postponed matches into the second half. It all starts again on 10 January. Enjoy your break!

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 7 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Catt	NAT WEST	9	9	100.0
Persaud	COMETS	11	12	91.7
Fung	COMETS	10	11	90.9
Wong	COMETS	8	9	88.9
Bekele	MORPETH A	12	16	75.0
Francis	COMETS	6	8	75.0
Fagan	COMETS	8	11	72.7
Blyuss	MORPETH A	5	8	62.5
Herbert	NAT WEST	7	12	58.3
Robertson	MORPETH A	7	13	53.8
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	7	14	50.0
Sanders	GOOD KARMA	6	12	50.0
Crawford	PRO	8	18	44.4
Muller	NAT WEST	5	12	41.7
Turner	PRO	7	18	38.9
Link	GOOD KARMA	3	9	33.3
Alnak	MORPETH A	2	8	25.0
Jones	NAT WEST	4	18	22.2
Roullier	OUTCASTS	2	9	22.2
Zhao	GOOD KARMA	1	9	11.1