

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 3

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	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
TREASURY A	3	3	0	24	6	9	33
NAT WEST	3	2	1	20	10	9	29
JOOLA	3	2	0	19	11	9	28
PRO	3	1	1	14	16	9	23
CREDEX	2	2	0	16	4	6	22
EMPLOYMENT	3	1	0	12	18	9	21
CASTAWAYS	2	1	0	14	6	6	20
BTB	3	0	0	7	23	9	16
SEDCOPIANS	2	1	0	7	13	6	13
COMETS	2	0	0	4	16	6	10
TREASURY B	2	0	0	3	17	6	9

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

THINGS TO NOTE

- Please make sure all results come to me and Gerry Martin
- In Week 3 below, Old Seds postponed against Comets so we're one match light.

COMMENTARY

Week 3

First match of the week, and one that may influence the destination of the title, was Nat West versus Castaways. My prediction was Castaways would win narrowly but the situation was complicated in that both teams did not field their usual teams. Steve Wilmott opened for Castaways, his first appearance in this Division for three years, and he couldn't make much impression on Chris Herbert, losing three straight. Set two had the same speedy outcome but this time it was Neil LeMilliere beating Les Samuels three straight (clash of styles?!). The third set was key. For Nat West, Adam Johnson faced Pete Harris. I had a feeling about this. Pete's the usual winner but I remember Adam won recently for the first time. Against the odds, Adam pulled it off for the second time beating Pete in four close ends. Nat West took the next two sets: Samuels beating Wilmott and Herbert inflicting a further defeat on Harris (first time he's ever beaten him?). Nat West were 4-1 up and running away with it but Castaways fought back to 4-4 which included another key set: Wilmott narrowly beating Johnson at 11-9 in five ends. Chris Herbert then beat LeMilliere and combined with Les Samuels to win the doubles 11-8 in the fifth. So the outcome was a 6-4 victory for Nat West. Chris Herbert was man of the match for his maximum. Pete Harris is rarely restricted to a single victory but coincidentally the last time it happened was also against Nat West in the second half fixture last season. Next result saw Credex give BTB a dreadful mauling. I doubt the match lasted more than 90 minutes and there were some really ugly scores on the scorecard. For Credex, Nelson conceded 40 points all night, Soullier conceded 41 points and Fung 48 points. To put that in perspective, the total number of singles' points played in whole match was just a few more than Bekele and Wu played in a single set in Week 1. Yet no records were broken. The record for fewest points conceded in one night is held by Laikram Persaud when playing for Bank in the 2013-14 season – an astonishing 25 points!! After their frustrating near miss against Nat West last week, PRO travelled to Treasury A full of optimism. Things started well with John Crawford beating Mike Loveder three straight (that rivalry goes back 25+ years!!). Set two and Jeremy Jones and Jai Persaud got perilously close to the record set last week for fewest points played in a five ender. They played a quick-fire 81 points before Jeremy emerged victorious. That spelled the beginning of the end for PRO as Treasury reeled off the next five sets in quick time, the most notable of which was a stand out win for Jones over John Crawford. John stopped the rot with a three straight win over Giuffrida but that was it – an 8-2 loss for PRO. Coincidentally, Persaud was also involved in another low scoring five ender, this time playing just 80 points in losing to Giovanni

Giuffrida. Last match of the week found a two-man Employment team up against Joola. Things didn't start well for Employment as Richard Mak went two ends down to Oleg Blyuss. Richard fought back to level the set but came out second best in a close fifth end. That made the match score 4-0 to Joola and the writing was on the wall. In the end, for Joola, Sammy Bekele won his two comfortably and Oleg Blyuss followed suit (including an impressive win over Paul Baylis at 11-9 in the fifth). Baylis and Mak both beat Duncan Brown but that was all Employment could get out of the match – an 8-2 defeat.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 3 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Adewale	CREDEX	6	6	100.0
Herbert	NAT WEST	6	6	100.0
Fagan	COMETS	3	3	100.0
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	3	3	100.0
Nash	CASTAWAYS	3	3	100.0
P Fung	CREDEX	3	3	100.0
Soulier	CREDEX	3	3	100.0
Wong	TREASURY A	3	3	100.0
Guimichev	TREASURY A	5	6	83.3
Crawford	PRO	7	9	77.8
Jones	TREASURY A	7	9	77.8
Bekele	JOOLA	6	8	75.0
Samuels	NAT WEST	6	9	66.7
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	4	6	66.7
Harris	CASTAWAYS	4	6	66.7
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	4	6	66.7
Turner	PRO	4	6	66.7
Chair	TREASURY A	2	3	66.7
Dight	TREASURY B	2	3	66.7
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	2	3	66.7
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	2	3	66.7
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	2	3	66.7
Loveder	TREASURY A	2	3	66.7
Mason	SEDCOPIANS	2	3	66.7
Nelson	CREDEX	2	3	66.7
Payne	JOOLA	2	3	66.7
Brown	JOOLA	3	5	60.0
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	3	6	50.0
Jones	NAT WEST	3	6	50.0
Waterhouse	BTB	4	9	44.4
Persaud	PRO	2	6	33.3
Xavier	BTB	2	6	33.3
Codrington	COMETS	1	3	33.3
Do	JOOLA	1	3	33.3
Hughes	NAT WEST	1	3	33.3
Johnson	NAT WEST	1	3	33.3
Wilmott	CASTAWAYS	1	3	33.3