

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 4

AS AT 28 OCTOBER 2018

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CASTAWAYS	4	2	2	29	11	12	41
PRO	3	3	0	26	4	9	35
MORPETH	3	2	1	21	9	9	30
NAT WEST	3	2	0	21	9	9	30
COMETS	3	1	1	14	16	9	23
SPARTA	3	1	0	14	16	9	23
TREASURY A	2	1	1	15	5	6	21
EMPLOYMENT	3	1	0	11	19	9	20
DIT	4	0	1	7	33	12	19
INSURANCE	3	1	0	9	21	9	18
BTB	3	0	0	3	27	9	12

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

THINGS TO NOTE

- ✓ Individual match scores can be found on the website https://www.tabletennis365.com/londonbanksandcivilservice/Fixtures/Season_2018-2019/Division_One
- ✓ Comets against Insurance and PRO versus Morpeth postponed this week

COMMENTARY

Week 4

Only three matches to report this week due to the unavailability of the Abbey Centre. First of these involves Sparta hosting BTB. A good start for BTB as Rishi Sinarain beats Peter Tokely 11-6 in the fifth, having dived with death in the fourth end before scraping it 14-12. That was a good contest and, at 107 points, becomes the longest set of the season thus far. BTB moved to a 2-1 lead before Dave Evans restored parity for Sparta with a win over Sinarain in four ends. Things then swung in Sparta's favour as Geoff Waterhouse lost in four narrowly to both Evans and Tokely. The match ended 7-3 to Sparta thanks to a maximum from Evans, two from Tokely and one from Mandy John. Next up is Nat West versus DIT. Nat West did DIT no favours as they put out one of their strongest teams. It was an uphill battle for DIT as Chris Penrose dropped two ends (to Graham Miller and Gaurav Mehta) on his way to a maximum, and Chris Herbert posted a perfect night, three wins, each three straight, and just 43 points lost all evening. Gareth Jones had more of a battle on his hands but fought off a good challenge by Florian Gazheli, 11-9 in the fourth. Closest set of the night was Jones against Gaurav Mehta where Gareth was in front after three ends before dropping the fourth. Gaurav has had a few near misses this season but this time managed to convert the opportunity at 11-8 in the fifth. That set became the longest of the season at 109 points. Gaurav's win made the score 9-1 to Nat West. Final match of the week was the big one between last season's winners and runners-up: Treasury against Castaways. Who will Treasury bring in to replace Perry Fung and Laikram Persaud? Well, the answer was Winston Wong's Ashford teammate, Tony Egan. Now Tony plays with Winston in the third Division of the National League and he doesn't lose many. Castaways take a 2-0 lead with Terry McKee beating Denis Robinson and Phil Wroe registering a notable win over Winston Wong. Kudos to Phil for that win given he's not played much table tennis in the last few years. Tony Egan quickly showed his pedigree with a three straight defeat of Neil LeMilliere. Then Terry McKee faced Wong and looked to have a good chance, winning the first end comfortably. Unfortunately, it all stopped there as Winston rattled off the next three ends to claim the win. It promised to be Phil Wroe's night as he leads Egan by two ends to one but he just couldn't keep it up and lost the next two ends fairly comfortably. Best set of the night was Egan against McKee. After Terry won a marathon first end 18-16, Tony came back to win the next two ends. To his credit, Terry levelled it but couldn't keep it up and lost the final end 11-6. It's hard - you have to play consistently well over a long period to beat someone of Egan's standard. Castaways lead 5-4 going in to the doubles but, perhaps

inevitably, it was the Treasury team that emerged the winners, three straight. A good match befitting a top of the table clash. I've a feeling this might be Castaways' year.

Castaways knock PRO off the top but they have a match in hand. The top four teams are opening a gap at the top with the rest bunched behind them. Lots of interesting fixtures and potentially close finishes next week.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥3 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Penrose	NAT WEST	6	6	100.0
Bekele	MORPETH	3	3	100.0
Buchanan	PRO	3	3	100.0
Egan	TREASURY A	3	3	100.0
Jones	TREASURY A	3	3	100.0
Luk	MORPETH	3	3	100.0
Sweeney	MORPETH	3	3	100.0
Turner	PRO	8	9	88.9
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	10	12	83.3
Crawford	PRO	5	6	83.3
Herbert	NAT WEST	5	6	83.3
McKee	CASTAWAYS	7	9	77.8
Persaud	PRO	7	9	77.8
Codrington	COMETS	6	9	66.7
Evans	SPARTA	6	9	66.7
Wroe	CASTAWAYS	6	9	66.7
Brown	MORPETH	4	6	66.7
Chambers	MORPETH	4	6	66.7
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	4	6	66.7
Wong	TREASURY A	4	6	66.7
Blyuss	MORPETH	2	3	66.7
Catt	NAT WEST	2	3	66.7
Caunt	CASTAWAYS	2	3	66.7
Harris	CASTAWAYS	2	3	66.7
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	2	3	66.7
Johnson	NAT WEST	2	3	66.7
Loveder	SPARTA	2	3	66.7
Francis	COMETS	3	6	50.0
Jones	NAT WEST	3	6	50.0
Robinson	TREASURY A	3	6	50.0
Tokely	SPARTA	3	6	50.0
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	4	9	44.4
Cranstone	INSURANCE	4	9	44.4
Francis	INSURANCE	3	9	33.3
Fagan	COMETS	2	6	33.3
Hughes	NAT WEST	1	3	33.3
John	SPARTA	1	3	33.3
Sinarain	BTB	2	9	22.2
Miller	DIT	1	6	16.7

Waterhouse	BTB	1	6	16.7
Mehta	DIT	1	8	12.5
Velinor	INSURANCE	1	9	11.1
Gazheli	DIT	1	11	9.1