

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 17

AS AT 26 FEBRUARY 2017

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CASTAWAYS	15	14	0	129	21	45	174
CREDEX	15	13	0	126	24	45	171
TREASURY A	15	11	0	98	52	45	143
MORPETH	16	9	0	90	70	48	138
NAT WEST	15	9	2	91	59	45	136
COMETS	16	8	1	82	78	45	127
PRO	16	6	2	78	82	48	126
EMPLOYMENT	15	7	1	74	76	45	119
BTB	16	1	0	25	135	48	73
TREASURY B	14	2	0	27	113	42	69
SEDCOPIANS	15	1	0	20	130	45	65

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

COMMENTARY

Week 22

BTB versus PRO was a more interesting match than the 10-0 result suggests. Ross Roberts took an end off Turner but it was Flavinda Xavier who starred for BTB. Flavinda had five match points over Jai Persaud but just couldn't manage that final step, eventually losing 13-11 in the fifth after 106 points – one of the longest sets of the season. Flavinda also took the first two ends off Ronnie Turner but unfortunately lost the next three ends. Next match saw Credex take on Nat West – a match with a potential bearing on the title destination. No Chris Penrose for Nat West so Credex breathe a sigh of relief. Adewale began with routine win over Tony Catt and Fung was too strong for Gareth Jones. Laikram Persaud came to the table against Adam Johnson and soon found himself leading two ends to one. The fourth end was really close and reached deuce before Adam sneaked it 12-10. The final end was similarly close but at the finish it was Adam who triumphed, 11-9 in the fifth. Good win! 101 points needed to find the winner! Tony Catt then contributed a vital win coming from two ends down to beat Perry Fung 11-9 in the fifth. Johnson versus Fung was another marathon and a strange repeat of the set with Persaud as Adam again came from two ends to one down to win the set 11-7 in the fifth. Adewale was a class above for Credex but a 7-3 outcome was not the one Credex wanted. Good match that one! Treasury A whitewashed Treasury B in the first half and I thought that result was a bit hard on the B team. This week they met again and the A team proved the first half result was no fluke and repeated the 10-0 scoreline. 37 ends played all evening of which just three ended with a deuce outcome. The only bright spot for the B team was that David Shore took an end off Jeremy Jones but lost in four. Employment hold the record in the Division for being involved in matches where fewer than six players turn up. That happened again this week when Comets turned up with two against them. I still thought Comets could make a match of it but I was wrong as Employment cruised home 8-2. Comets two wins were both over a rather unlucky Anita Jermyn who lost to Greg Gargrupe 12-10 in the fifth and Steve Codrington 11-7 in the fourth. Of the 15 matches Employment have played to date, seven have involve fewer than six players. The final match of the week was another affecting the title – Morpeth versus Castaways. No Sammy Bekele for Morpeth made Castaways task a little easier. First set of the night and we're immediately in upset territory as Oleg Blyuss leads Pete Harris by two ends to one. Pete then dug deep and takes the fourth end and runs away with the fifth to avert an upset. Castaways then reeled of a series of fairly comfortable wins but Pete Harris was struggling again needing four ends to beat Duncan Brown. Most eye-catching win was Andy Nash's demolition job on Blyuss, conceding just 20 points in a three straight victory. With the score 8-0 to Castaways their luck ran out as Blyuss came from two ends to one down to defeat Neil LeMilliere 11-7 in the fifth. A 9-1 win for Castaways but, like Credex earlier in the week, not the outcome they desired.

A more interesting week this week with some close contests and narrow "come from behind" wins. Castaways gain a little ground on Credex and now lead by three points. It's all building to a crescendo on Thursday 6 April when the top two meet each other for the second time. If the scores in the remaining matches leading up to that fixture are identical to the first half, Castaways will take a two point advantage into the game. If anyone's going to

upset things it looks most likely like to be PRO or Comets who play both the title contenders in the remaining matches. Four matches to go and we've still got 10 players with qualifying averages in excess of 80%. Very unusual to be such a high number at this stage. Free week next week and play resumes on Monday 6 March with a match that could determine relegation as Treasury B face Old Seds and, later in the week, Credex have a "banana skin" fixture against Comets.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 18 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Adewale	CREDEX	18	18	100.0
Harris	CASTAWAYS	33	35	94.3
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	19	21	90.5
Fagan	COMETS	28	31	90.3
Wong	TREASURY A	23	26	88.5
Nash	CASTAWAYS	21	24	87.5
Persaud	CREDEX	17	20	85.0
Herbert	NAT WEST	15	18	83.3
P Fung	CREDEX	32	39	82.1
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	26	32	81.3
Bekele	MORPETH	23	31	74.2
Crawford	PRO	28	38	73.7
Nelson	CREDEX	16	22	72.7
Guimichev	TREASURY A	15	21	71.4
Samuels	NAT WEST	17	24	70.8
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	13	20	65.0
Blyuss	MORPETH	19	30	63.3
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	15	24	62.5
Codrington	COMETS	25	41	61.0
Turner	PRO	17	30	56.7
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	18	32	56.3
Jones	TREASURY A	20	36	55.6
Persaud	PRO	18	33	54.5
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	12	23	52.2
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	19	39	48.7
Jones	NAT WEST	16	34	47.1
Brown	MORPETH	13	28	46.4
Dight	TREASURY B	8	23	34.8
Shore	TREASURY B	10	35	28.6
Sinarain	COMETS	7	26	26.9
Buck	PRO	7	30	23.3
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	7	30	23.3
Lavis	SEDCOPIANS	6	27	22.2
Johansson	MORPETH	5	23	21.7
Waterhouse	BTB	8	44	18.2
Mason	SEDCOPIANS	3	24	12.5
Xavier	BTB	5	42	11.9
Okai	TREASURY B	2	23	8.7
Gittens	TREASURY B	2	30	6.7

Roberts	BTB	2	36	5.6
Fenn	SEDCOPIANS	1	24	4.2