

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 5

AS AT 5 NOVEMBER 2017

| | P | W | D | F | A | B | P |
|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| TREASURY A | 5 | 4 | 0 | 39 | 11 | 15 | 54 |
| CASTAWAYS | 5 | 4 | 0 | 37 | 13 | 15 | 52 |
| NAT WEST | 5 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 20 | 15 | 45 |
| MORPETH | 4 | 3 | 1 | 29 | 11 | 12 | 41 |
| INSURANCE | 5 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 29 | 15 | 36 |
| OUTCASTS | 5 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 30 | 15 | 35 |
| SPARTA | 4 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 21 | 12 | 31 |
| EMPLOYMENT | 4 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 26 | 12 | 26 |
| PRO | 4 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 26 | 12 | 26 |
| COMETS | 3 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 20 | 9 | 19 |
| TREASURY B | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 33 | 12 | 19 |

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_2017-2018/Division_One

COMMENTARY

Week 5

First result of the week sees Insurance very content with their 8-2 defeat of Treasury B. Albert Francis was their star, winning all three without dropping an end. David Shore scored Treasury's two wins, both in four sets. Five sets ended three straight and five sets took four ends. Sparta's winning run of two successes on the trot came to an end against a strong Nat West team. Opening set of the night looked to be producing the season's first upset win as Peter Tokely took the first two ends against Chris Penrose! Chris won the third end but got as close as you can to losing the set in the fourth end before scraping home 13-11. That signaled the end of Peter's valiant effort as Chris blasted through the final end to win 11-2. Chris went on to win all three as did Nat West's second Chris, Chris Herbert. Both Tokely and Evans both took an end off Chris H. Best of the remaining sets was David Evans versus Gareth Jones where Gareth came from two ends down to level the score, only to lose 11-8 in the fifth. An 8-2 win for Nat West but by no means a one sided contest. Treasury A did their title chances a power of good with a 9-1 win over Comets. Comets fielded only two players for the second successive week but they started well when Steve Fagan beat Perry Fung three straight. Steve then squared up to Winston Wong with his 100% record on the line. If you follow the averages you'd expect Steve to win this one but in the 2015-16 season, the last time they met, Winston both their home and away contests. On this occasion history repeated itself and Winston came out the comfortable victor, three straight, and bang goes Steve's perfect record. Best set of the night was Fagan versus Laikram Persaud, which was a real see-saw affair that Laikram eventually won 11-7 in the fifth. While this was a good week for Treasury A, it was not so good for title rivals Castaways. Things seemed to be going Castaways' way but, at set four, Neil LeMilliere lost to John Crawford in five hard-fought ends. 101 points played in that set. Neil got the better of the first three ends but John stayed in the match to eventually win 11-9 in the fifth. These two always have a close contest and seem to take it in turns to win. Unfortunately for Castaways, PRO have another player who's given Neil trouble over the years and that is Ronnie Turner. They met in set seven and Ronnie came out on top, winning in four ends. A long night for John Crawford who played 15 singles ends and 270 points (Steve Fagan holds the record for the most points played in a single night at 291 points)! An 8-2 win for Castaways was probably a little less than they'd hoped for. Employment and Outcasts fought out the third draw of the season. This match was played in three phases: Employment starting well, Outcasts coming back and overhauling them to take the lead, only for Employment to pull it back towards the end and the result depending on the doubles. Paul Baylis was man of the match with three victories. Two sets required all five ends. Simon Jameson scored a notable win over Richard Mak 11-8 in the fifth and a real nail-

biting doubles where Outcasts came from two ends to one down to win the set 11-9 in the fifth to secure a draw. Good contest that!

So, Treasury A nudge ahead of Castaways. Those two teams have opened a gap on the chasing pack but Morpeth have a match in hand and could close that gap. In recent seasons the newly promoted teams have gone straight back down again but interestingly this year all three new teams are doing okay. Castaways' Terry McKee joins Rob Chambers as the only two unbeaten players qualifying for the averages.

A few interesting fixtures next week. Employment versus Sparta and Comets versus Outcasts could produce close results. Castaways have a bye week but PRO have a chance to do them a favour by inflicting some damage on Treasury A.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 5 sets played)

| Player | Team | Sets Won | Sets Played | Average (%) |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Chambers | MORPETH | 6 | 6 | 100.0 |
| McKee | CASTAWAYS | 6 | 6 | 100.0 |
| Persaud | TREASURY A | 7 | 8 | 87.5 |
| Bekele | MORPETH | 5 | 6 | 83.3 |
| Harris | CASTAWAYS | 5 | 6 | 83.3 |
| Penrose | NAT WEST | 5 | 6 | 83.3 |
| Jaksland | CASTAWAYS | 4 | 5 | 80.0 |
| Fagan | COMETS | 7 | 9 | 77.8 |
| Herbert | NAT WEST | 7 | 9 | 77.8 |
| Fung | TREASURY A | 6 | 8 | 75.0 |
| Grant | CASTAWAYS | 6 | 8 | 75.0 |
| Baylis | EMPLOYMENT | 6 | 9 | 66.7 |
| Giuffrida | TREASURY A | 6 | 9 | 66.7 |
| Tokely | SPARTA | 6 | 9 | 66.7 |
| Turner | PRO | 6 | 9 | 66.7 |
| Brown | MORPETH | 4 | 6 | 66.7 |
| LeMilliere | CASTAWAYS | 9 | 14 | 64.3 |
| Evans | SPARTA | 7 | 11 | 63.6 |
| Wong | TREASURY A | 7 | 11 | 63.6 |
| Hattrill | SPARTA | 3 | 5 | 60.0 |
| Crawford | PRO | 7 | 12 | 58.3 |
| Macalister | OUTCASTS | 5 | 9 | 55.6 |
| Mak | EMPLOYMENT | 5 | 9 | 55.6 |
| Francis | INSURANCE | 8 | 15 | 53.3 |
| Blyuss | MORPETH | 3 | 6 | 50.0 |
| Johansson | MORPETH | 3 | 6 | 50.0 |
| Jameson | OUTCASTS | 4 | 9 | 44.4 |
| Shore | TREASURY B | 4 | 9 | 44.4 |
| Cranstone | INSURANCE | 5 | 12 | 41.7 |
| Jones | NAT WEST | 5 | 12 | 41.7 |
| Velinor | INSURANCE | 5 | 12 | 41.7 |
| Jones | OUTCASTS | 3 | 9 | 33.3 |
| Persaud | PRO | 2 | 6 | 33.3 |