

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 8

AS AT 27 NOVEMBER 2016

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CREDEX	8	7	0	67	13	24	91
CASTAWAYS	7	6	0	60	10	21	81
NAT WEST	7	5	1	49	21	21	70
PRO	9	3	2	42	48	27	69
MORPETH	7	4	0	43	27	21	64
COMETS	8	5	0	42	38	21	63
TREASURY A	7	5	0	42	28	21	63
EMPLOYMENT	8	2	1	30	50	24	54
TREASURY B	7	1	0	13	57	21	34
SEDCOPIANS	7	1	0	11	59	21	32
BTB	7	0	0	11	59	21	32

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

THINGS TO NOTE

- None

COMMENTARY

Week 9

Begins with a straightforward 10-0 victory for Nat West over Old Seds. Just two sets went passed the third end, Alec Fenn taking an end off Gareth Jones and Rick Salmon taking Gareth to five. Morpeth beat Treasury B 9-1 and now every team in the Division has participated in at least one match ending 9-1 or 10-0. Rob Chambers was in good form for Morpeth and scored a three straight maximum. Oleg Blyuss was pushed a bit harder, first, in a close set with John Colgan and, later, dropping an end to Bryan Gittens. The Colgan set could have gone either way, Oleg was two ends to one down before winning in five. Best set of the night was Duncan Brown against David Shore where Duncan seemed to have the edge initially only for David to come back and win 11-9 in the fifth. Treasury A couldn't make much headway against a strong Credex team and lost 9-1. Adewale scored a three straight maximum for Credex. Ade has raised his ranking to Number 21 in England, thereby becoming the highest ranked player ever to appear in this League. Set of the night was Nabil Chair against Perry Fung. Now I didn't know that Nabil played international table tennis for Algeria in the 1980s and he showed signs of that against Perry. Nabil won the first end (just) but lost the next two. The fourth end was nip and tuck but Nabil just stole at 11-9. All to play for in the final end but it was Nabil who built a lead to eventually win 11-6. Good win! Castaways scored their fourth 10-0 of the season over a two-person Employment team. Terry McKee played his first match of the season for Castaways but showed no signs of being ring rusty. Terry is the eighth player to appear for Castaways this season – no team has a bigger squad. Castaways had to give respect to the tenacious Richard Mak and improving Anita Jermyn but came through unscathed. Just when you think this Division might be getting predictable along comes an oddity. Comets line up against PRO with just one Steve – Steve Codrington was not in the team – and I'm looking for a narrow PRO win. John Crawford was double booked, also playing in the Central League, and was hoping to finish early. All goes well as John wins his first set, against Peter Yeadon. Perhaps having to leave was playing on his mind as John found himself two ends to one down against Gay Defroand. He battled back to win the fourth end but couldn't keep in up, losing 11-8 in the final end. John wants to go but Steve Fagan has not yet arrived. Now situations like this can cause awkwardness but John decides to forfeit the set and go. Ronnie Turner beat Defroand but loses to Yeadon in a tense five-ender. Then came probably the most surprising result of the season so far as Ronnie removes Steve Fagan's perfect record! I doubt anyone saw that coming! The set was close and went to four ends but I'm tempted to say Ronnie never looked like losing. The match result was a 7-3 win for Comets. You would have got long odds against that scoreline before the match began!

The table shows Credex starting to take a stranglehold on the title. Castaways are keeping pace but it's always hard when you're chasing results. That loss to Treasury A last week has really dented Nat West's chances. The PRO bubble seems to have burst and they haven't won in their last three matches. Comets are the team in form having won five of their last six matches. Bunching in the middle of the table has caused Treasury A to find themselves in an unexpectedly lowly position. It remains close at the bottom with some key fixtures coming up.

Five matches next week, which should cause the league positions to settle further. Pick of the bunch is a "must win" match between BTB and Treasury B that will have a strong influence on which team goes down.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 9 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Adewale	CREDEX	9	9	100.0
Herbert	NAT WEST	9	9	100.0
Jaksland	CASTAWAYS	9	9	100.0
Wong	TREASURY A	9	9	100.0
Fagan	COMETS	16	17	94.1
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	13	14	92.9
P Fung	CREDEX	16	18	88.9
Nash	CASTAWAYS	8	9	88.9
Harris	CASTAWAYS	12	14	85.7
Nelson	CREDEX	10	13	76.9
Samuels	NAT WEST	16	21	76.2
Guimichev	TREASURY A	9	12	75.0
Crawford	PRO	19	26	73.1
Bekele	MORPETH	11	16	68.8
Codrington	COMETS	12	18	66.7
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	8	12	66.7
Blyuss	MORPETH	8	13	61.5
Jones	NAT WEST	9	15	60.0
Wu	CREDEX	7	12	58.3
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	8	15	53.3
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	7	15	46.7
Jones	TREASURY A	7	15	46.7
Turner	PRO	7	15	46.7
Dight	TREASURY B	5	12	41.7
Persaud	PRO	6	15	40.0
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	8	21	38.1
Buck	PRO	6	18	33.3
Shore	TREASURY B	5	18	27.8
Fitzgerald	SEDCOPIANS	4	15	26.7
Waterhouse	BTB	5	20	25.0
Mason	SEDCOPIANS	3	12	25.0
Sinarain	COMETS	3	12	25.0
Lavis	SEDCOPIANS	2	12	16.7
Gittens	TREASURY B	2	15	13.3
Xavier	BTB	2	17	11.8
Roberts	BTB	1	17	5.9