

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 7

AS AT 17 NOVEMBER 2019

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
COMETS	6	5	1	48	12	18	66
CASTAWAYS	6	4	2	44	16	18	62
NAT WEST	6	5	1	42	18	18	60
EMPLOYMENT	7	4	0	39	31	21	60
MORPETH A	5	5	0	40	10	15	55
PRO	7	3	0	29	41	21	50
MORPETH C	7	1	0	25	45	21	46
GOOD KARMA	6	2	0	26	34	18	44
TREASURY B	6	1	0	17	43	18	35
SPARTA	6	1	0	16	44	18	34
OUTCASTS	6	1	0	14	46	18	32

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_2019-2020/Division_One

COMMENTARY

Week 7

Last week Treasury B won their first match and they reacting by dropping all the players in that winning team. It was a very different Treasury B that faced Morpeth A. Morpeth fielded two unbeaten players - Jane Ji and Rob Chambers – so the odds were stacked against Treasury no matter which team they selected. Perhaps the outcome was predictable but Treasury were 8-0 down before they got on the scoreboard when Petko Guimichev defeated Duncan Brown 11-7 in the fifth. In fact that was only five-ender in the match. Guimichev took an end off both Ji and Chambers but everything else was three straight, leaving Morpeth the 9-1 winners. Morpeth C also won their first match last week and I thought they'd be too strong for Karma. That view was confirmed when Anit Deb was in Morpeth's squad. Now this guy is so far unbeaten in Division 1 of the Central League and had no trouble here. Three quick wins, all three straight. Karma's team was Oskar Mencer, George Sanders and, making his debut, Campbell McKellar. Karma went 3-1 up, each of the Karma team winning one. Morpeth pulled it back to 3-3, with Morpeth's Clark Nicholls beating McKellar. The score reached 5-4 in Karma's favour heralding a real dogfight in the doubles, which went all the way to deuce in the fifth before Karma edged it 12-10. A good match and a good team effort from Karma to win 6-4, with two from Mencer, two from Sanders and one from McKellar. PRO had only two players against Employment and that proved too much of an obstacle to overcome. Employment have so far had eight sets conceded to them, far more than any other team. Jason Killip opened for Employment with a four-end win over John Crawford. John later had a hotly contested battle with Paul Baylis, which Paul won 11-7 in the fifth. There was a long end that finished 18-16 in the doubles but nothing went PRO's way and the outcome was a 9-1 win for Employment, PRO's lone success being Crawford beating Anita Jermyn. The must-win battle at the bottom of the Division between Sparta and Outcasts proved to be an interesting contest. Steve Hattrill struck an early blow for Sparta with a fighting 11-7 in the fifth win over Eddie Roullier. Sparta went 4-2 up with two wins each from Hattrill and Peter Tokely. The seventh set was close. Andrew led Mandy John by two ends to one, only for Mandy to take the fourth end 11-9. The final end was a real battle but the victor was Macalister by 11-7. The match finished 7-3 to Sparta with maximums for both Tokely and Hattrill. I think that's Steve first ever maximum in this Division. A very welcome result for Sparta, which takes them off the bottom of the table. The final match of the week was the big one – Castaways against Nat West. Castaways got the better of the first round of matches. Pete Harris beat Chris Herbert in three, followed by a match-turning win for Norman Grant over Gareth Jones. Neil LeMilliere was then quickly dispatched by Chris

Penrose making it 2-1 to Castaways. Later, Chris Herbert beat LeMilliere while Penrose had no trouble beating Grant. The score was 3-3. The next two sets went Castaways' way. LeMilliere got the better of Gareth Jones while Pete Harris won his third set, three straight over Chris Penrose. But Nat West were not done yet. First, Herbert beat off the challenge of Norman Grant in four ends and then, in a surprisingly one-sided contest, Nat West won the doubles three straight to square the match. It was a strange draw as draws imply a close contest yet in this case every set bar one finished three straight! Stand out maximum from Pete Harris – a real class performance.

That Castaways draw allows Comets to open a four-point gap at the top of the Division, both having played six matches. Nat West are in third place, a further two points behind while Morpeth A have a match in hand but could yet overtake the leaders. Treasury B, Outcasts and Sparta look to have their own battle not to end up in the relegation places. Next week looks bad for those teams as Sparta face Morpeth A and Outcasts face Castaways. Treasury look to have the easiest fixture but will have to play very well to beat Karma. The big one next week is Nat West against Comets, which could go either way depending on team selection, and has the prospect of narrowing the gaps between the top three teams. Finally, Employment face Morpeth C, the two teams that, along with Karma, have the largest squads in the Division. No doubt it will all depend on which of the 15 players they have at their combined disposal turns up on the night!

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥6 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Bekele	MORPETH A	9	9	100.0
Chambers	MORPETH A	9	9	100.0
Ji	MORPETH A	9	9	100.0
Fung	COMETS	8	8	100.0
Deb	MORPETH C	6	6	100.0
Persaud	COMETS	6	6	100.0
Harris	CASTAWAYS	14	15	93.3
Herbert	NAT WEST	16	18	88.9
Catt	NAT WEST	8	9	88.9
Killip	EMPLOYMENT	7	8	87.5
Brown	MORPETH A	5	6	83.3
Penrose	NAT WEST	5	6	83.3
Bispham	CASTAWAYS	7	9	77.8
Francis	COMETS	9	12	75.0
Codrington	COMETS	6	8	75.0
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	13	18	72.2
Fagan	COMETS	7	10	70.0
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	9	13	69.2
Alnak	MORPETH C	4	6	66.7
Dight	TREASURY B	4	6	66.7
Mencer	GOOD KARMA	4	6	66.7
Jermyn	EMPLOYMENT	4	7	57.1
Crawford	PRO	10	18	55.6
Caunt	CASTAWAYS	5	9	55.6
Greenberg	GOOD KARMA	6	11	54.5
Guimichev	TREASURY B	6	12	50.0
Robertson	MORPETH C	6	12	50.0
Sanders	GOOD KARMA	5	10	50.0

Jones	NAT WEST	7	15	46.7
Tokely	SPARTA	7	15	46.7
Persaud	PRO	5	11	45.5
Coull	OUTCASTS	4	9	44.4
Jameson	OUTCASTS	5	12	41.7
Buchanan	PRO	4	11	36.4
Buck	PRO	6	18	33.3
Evans	SPARTA	2	6	33.3
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	3	10	30.0
Hattrill	SPARTA	4	15	26.7
Blyuss	MORPETH A	2	9	22.2
Shilo	MORPETH C	2	9	22.2
Nicholls	MORPETH C	3	15	20.0
Bulvicius	MORPETH C	2	12	16.7
Roullier	OUTCASTS	2	12	16.7
Loveder	SPARTA	1	6	16.7
Gittens	TREASURY B	1	9	11.1
McKee	EMPLOYMENT	1	9	11.1
Macalister	OUTCASTS	1	12	8.3