

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 4

AS AT 28 OCTOBER 2017

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
TREASURY A	4	3	0	30	10	12	42
CASTAWAYS	4	3	0	29	11	12	41
MORPETH	4	3	1	29	11	12	41
NAT WEST	4	2	1	22	18	12	34
OUTCASTS	4	1	0	15	25	12	27
SPARTA	3	2	1	17	13	9	26
INSURANCE	4	1	0	13	27	12	25
PRO	3	0	1	12	18	9	21
EMPLOYMENT	3	1	0	9	21	9	18
COMETS	2	1	0	9	11	6	15
TREASURY B	3	0	0	5	25	9	14

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 3 (late result)

Week 3 and Comets get to play their first match. For Comets, Steve Fagan started off where he ended last season – winning all three without dropping an end. Comets introduced Robert Kemp on debut who scored a vital win over John Crawford in set two. PRO slowly nudged in front 4-3, including Ronnie Turner beating Kemp but that's where their luck ran out as the score quickly became 4-5. The doubles summed up what was a frustrating night for PRO. Playing to secure the draw, PRO go two ends to one up. In the fourth end, PRO are 9-6 down but fought back to reach match point at 10-9 and a draw looked on the cards. But Lady Luck was not on their side and Comets pinched the fourth end 13-11 and ran away with the fifth end to win the match. PRO have yet to win this season but they've been in the match on each occasion.

Week 4

Morpeth host Treasury B and Treasury have only two players. It would have been a hard fixture with three players but with two the outcome was inevitable. Blyuss, Johansson and Chambers breezed through the match untroubled. Only one set extended past three ends – Jeremy Okai taking an end off Rob Chambers. It's going to be an uphill battle this season for Treasury B. Treasury's A team fared much better against Employment. They rattled off the first eight sets before Giovanni Giuffrida lost to Paul Baylis. That was as far as it went for Employment – final score was 9-1. For Treasury, Laikram Persaud was giving nothing away and conceded just 36 points all evening. Only close set was Baylis's near miss against Winston Wong, losing 11-5 in the fifth having been two ends to one up. Nat West's match against Outcasts opened with a marathon first set in which Bob Coull defeated Mike Hughes 11-9 in the fifth after 109 points had been played – the second longest set of the season to date. Seven sets later and Bob's involved in another huge clash with Gareth Jones which he lost 13-11 in the fifth after just 106 points. Good maximum for Gareth Jones in that match but Adam Johnson was the star of the show, dropping just one end. Nat West have used nine different players in the first four matches. Comets could only field two players against Castaways but one of those was Steve Fagan who managed to win all three. Each of the Castaways players put up a decent fight against him but he was just too strong. He and Neil LeMilliere played out the longest single end of the season, culminating at 19-17. Insurance versus Sparta was another match with only five players. It was Insurance who only turned out with two but they made a decent game of it before going down 6-4. First set of the night saw Dave Evans fight off a strong challenge from Albert Francis, winning in four.

Dave was also pushed hard by Jon Velinor but with the same outcome – a win in four. Steve Hattrill best Jon Velinor but found Francis a bit too strong. Best set of the night was the doubles where Insurance pulled off a magnificent “come from behind” victory. The Insurance pair were 8-10 in the fifth but came back to steal it 12-10. Good effort!

Bad week for below strength teams – three of the five matches played involved fewer than six players. The table starts to take shape and it’s mighty close at the top. Next week sees some interesting fixtures but I don’t foresee any “upset” wins. Treasury A will be taking their turn at removing Steve Fagan’s perfect record. Steve and Rob Chambers are the only unbeaten players featured in the averages.

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 4 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Chambers	MORPETH	6	6	100.0
Fagan	COMETS	6	6	100.0
Bekele	MORPETH	5	6	83.3
Fung	TREASURY A	5	6	83.3
Harris	CASTAWAYS	5	6	83.3
Persaud	TREASURY A	5	6	83.3
Tokely	SPARTA	5	6	83.3
Evans	SPARTA	6	8	75.0
Grant	CASTAWAYS	6	8	75.0
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	8	11	72.7
Giuffrida	TREASURY A	6	9	66.7
Brown	MORPETH	4	6	66.7
Herbert	NAT WEST	4	6	66.7
Turner	PRO	4	6	66.7
Hattrill	SPARTA	3	5	60.0
Crawford	PRO	5	9	55.6
Macalister	OUTCASTS	5	9	55.6
Wong	TREASURY A	5	9	55.6
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	3	6	50.0
Blyuss	MORPETH	3	6	50.0
Johansson	MORPETH	3	6	50.0
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	3	6	50.0
Jones	NAT WEST	4	9	44.4
Francis	INSURANCE	5	12	41.7
Cranstone	INSURANCE	3	9	33.3
Velinor	INSURANCE	3	9	33.3
Jameson	OUTCASTS	2	6	33.3
Jones	OUTCASTS	2	6	33.3
Persaud	PRO	2	6	33.3
Shore	TREASURY B	2	6	33.3