

# LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 20

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	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>P</b>
TREASURY A	17	14	1	142	28	51	193
NAT WEST	18	12	3	119	61	54	173
CASTAWAYS	16	13	1	122	38	48	170
MORPETH	16	11	2	98	62	48	146
EMPLOYMENT	17	8	3	83	87	51	134
PRO	16	5	2	70	90	48	118
COMETS	16	6	1	66	94	48	114
INSURANCE	17	5	2	63	107	51	114
SPARTA	16	4	1	60	100	48	108
OUTCASTS	16	3	1	51	109	48	99
TREASURY B	17	1	1	36	134	51	87

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](https://www.tabletennis365.com/LondonBanksAndCivilService/Fixtures/Season_2017-2018/Division_One)

## COMMENTARY

### Week 21

Three matches postponed this week so only two results two review and both involve relegation. First, Treasury B take on Comets. A big factor emerges early on as it becomes clear that Comets only have two players. However, Comets have Steve Fagan and, true to form, he rattled off three wins in double quick time, dropping a single end, to Brian Gittens. Greg Gargrupe's sets were almost in direct contrast as each proved to be a mighty battle. Greg leads Jeremy Okai by two ends to one but Jeremy comes back to take the fourth end narrowly at 11-9. Into the final end things start to swing Jeremy's way as he edges in front and stays there to win the end 11-7. There was a strange sense of déjà vu in Greg's set with Brian Gittens. Greg took the first two ends and lost the third. He might have pinched the win in the fourth but came up short, losing 11-9. The fifth end was close but again Greg just lost out by 11-8. Two sets in which Greg led two ends to one, lost the fourth 11-9 in both cases and went on to lose the fifth. Strange coincidence! Greg's set against David Shore provided a bit of variety as this time Greg was two ends to one down. However he storms back to take the fourth and into the final end. This end went on and on and could have gone either way but, as if to confirm this just wasn't to be Greg's night, he lost the final end 16-14! To sum up, Greg played 15 ends and 282 point over the evening but lost all three (the record for most point played in a night is held by Steve Fagan in the 2015-16 season – 291 points). Table tennis can be cruel! Comets won the doubles with ease but the victory went to Treasury B by 6-4. Their first match won in the season. Congratulations! The other match played – Insurance versus Nat West - was equally interesting and almost as dramatic. It began in the same way as the previous match – this time it was Nat West with two players: Gareth Jones and Mike Hughes. Gareth Jones opened with a good win over Albert Francis over four ends. He had a real battle with Ian Cranstone and found himself two ends to one down. He rallied to take the fourth end 11-7. The fifth end could not have been closer but it was Gareth who edged it 12-10! More déjà vu in Ian's set with Mike Hughes as once again he found himself two ends to one up only to lose the fourth end comfortably. The fifth end was again for strong men only, going on past 10-10, 11-11, 12-12, and 13-13 before Ian inched ahead to win the set 15-13. Close call! The tight sets didn't end there as Francis went up against Hughes. Mike wins two of the first three ends but Albert takes the fourth end 11-9. It was point for point in the final end but Albert snuck home by 11-9! Insurance' Jon Velinor had a frustrating night and just couldn't get anything going to lose both his sets. So, three sets claimed plus one win each from Albert and Ian gives Insurance a 5-4 lead into the doubles. The moral of this week's results is don't go two ends to one up and then lose the fourth because heartbreak awaits you

in the fifth end. And so it was to be in the doubles as Insurance are two ends to one up, lose the fourth 11-9, and then lose the fifth end by the same score. So an honourable draw results but I'm sure I heard Insurance players muttering "unluckiest team in the league" as they made their way home!

Only two matches this week, low on quantity but high on quality with two really good contests. Insurance have bolstered their prospects of staying up and are level on points with Comets. As I said in the last bulletin, Outcasts have it all to do if they are to avoid going down with Treasury B. Next week's fixtures look bleak for the relegation candidates with Insurance probably having the "easiest" match of those being played by the bottom five teams.

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**AVERAGES (Qualification:  $\geq 20$  sets played)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Sets Won</b>	<b>Sets Played</b>	<b>Average (%)</b>
Harris	CASTAWAYS	27	30	90.0
Persaud	TREASURY A	35	39	89.7
Fung	TREASURY A	31	36	86.1
Fagan	COMETS	35	43	81.4
Wong	TREASURY A	30	37	81.1
Herbert	NAT WEST	29	36	80.6
Catt	NAT WEST	19	24	79.2
McKee	CASTAWAYS	21	27	77.8
Oppenheim	EMPLOYMENT	23	30	76.7
Bekele	MORPETH	19	27	70.4
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	33	47	70.2
Blyuss	MORPETH	16	24	66.7
Evans	SPARTA	23	35	65.7
Chambers	MORPETH	17	26	65.4
Brown	MORPETH	13	20	65.0
Crawford	PRO	20	35	57.1
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	16	28	57.1
Jameson	OUTCASTS	12	21	57.1
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	18	32	56.3
Jones	NAT WEST	24	45	53.3
Turner	PRO	21	43	48.8
Hattrill	SPARTA	12	25	48.0
Francis	INSURANCE	20	48	41.7
Coull	OUTCASTS	10	24	41.7
Cranstone	INSURANCE	17	45	37.8
Shore	TREASURY B	15	40	37.5
Macalister	OUTCASTS	9	24	37.5
Roullier	OUTCASTS	12	33	36.4
Tokely	SPARTA	13	38	34.2
Codrington	COMETS	7	26	26.9
Velinor	INSURANCE	11	45	24.4
Buchanan	PRO	9	37	24.3
Colgan	TREASURY B	4	23	17.4
Gargrupe	COMETS	7	46	15.2

Gittens	TREASURY B	5	37	13.5
Okai	TREASURY B	4	35	11.4