

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 12

AS AT 14 JANUARY 2018

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
CASTAWAYS	11	10	0	91	19	33	124
TREASURY A	11	9	0	90	20	33	123
NAT WEST	11	9	1	79	31	33	112
MORPETH	11	6	2	59	51	33	92
EMPLOYMENT	11	5	2	53	57	33	86
PRO	11	4	1	52	58	33	85
COMETS	10	3	1	41	59	30	71
INSURANCE	11	3	0	33	77	33	66
OUTCASTS	10	3	1	36	64	30	66
SPARTA	10	2	1	34	66	30	64
TREASURY B	11	0	1	22	88	33	55

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 15

Begins with the Morpeth versus Treasury A match and a result that surely no one would have predicted! In the first half Morpeth won 6-4. In the second half, Morpeth lost 10-0!! Part of the explanation lies in Morpeth fielding just two players. But, even so, a 10-0 outcome?? Terese Johansson battled hard and took an end off Winston Wong but eventually lost all three. Sammy Bekele lost to Fung in the first half but got the better of the first three ends in this return match, only to lose the fourth and the fifth too. Bekele made no headway against Persaud, losing three straight. And then, on paper, Morpeth's best chance of the night as Bekele attempted to do the double over Winston Wong. As if to prove this night was just not meant to be, this set was over in a flash and Winston Wong sat down the victor, winning three straight. To put this in perspective, this is only the second time in three seasons that Morpeth have failed to field a full team. It is also only the second time Bekele has failed to win at least one set (the first time was on his debut in this Division against Credex in September 2015). This result must be a hammer blow for Castaways' title hopes, as it will take an extraordinary performance for them to match that result when they play Morpeth. From the top of the Division to the bottom as Treasury B take on Outcasts. This was a runaway victory for Outcasts in the first half but the rematch was to prove to be more challenging. Roullier opened with a win in four ends over Gittens but that was matched by Shore beating O'Leary. Looking back on this match, the next set – Colgan versus Jameson – was probably key. Jameson took the first two ends but Colgan fought back to level the match. The fifth end looked to be close but Jameson accelerated away to win it 11-6. Jameson went on to have close contests with both Shore and Gittens but he managed to win them both. His maximum turned the match Outcasts way. For Treasury B, John Colgan had a good night and Gittens and Shore contributed one each. Treasury went into the doubles 4-5 down and what a set it proved to be. Treasury won the first two ends but Outcasts came back to win the third. The fourth end saw Treasury come within a whisker of taking the set but eventually losing the end 12-10. The fifth end was a real nail biter, which predictably reached 10-10 before Outcasts pinched the next two points and the set. 100 points played in that set and a 6-4 win for Outcasts. PRO have a habit of doing quite well against Nat West but that looked unlikely with Adam Johnson and Chris Herbert in the opposition. Chris strolled through the night to win all his sets three straight (though pushed hard by John Crawford). Adam Johnson made it look even easier in winning his three sets. Gareth Jones had an epic battle with Ronnie Turner but lost 11-8 in the fifth. Gareth beat Ian Buchanan but found it tough going against Crawford, losing in four. The doubles proved to be one of those

“it’s a funny old game” moments as PRO who have one of the poorest doubles records beat Nat West who have one of the best doubles records!? 7-3 to Nat West. Can you ever be satisfied with a 10-0 loss? That’s what happened when Insurance lost to Castaways but there was unanimous agreement this was a much more competitive performance from Insurance than in the first half. Castaways fielded their best team but in four of the singles sets Insurance players pinched an end and a few more ends were lost at deuce. A good match played in a good spirit

Castaways maintain their one point lead at the top of the Division. The middle of the table has settled down but things are still fluid from positions seven to eleven. Next week brings one of the crunch matches of the season as Castaways face Nat West. This was the only match Castaways lost in three first half and they will be looking for revenge. We also have a key battle in the relegation zone as Sparta take on Treasury B. Should be a good match between PRO and Employment as they’re having their own mini-battle over fifth and six finishing positions. The fixtures computer really has been cruel to Insurance as, coming off their loss to Castaways, they now face Treasury A! On a positive note – it can only get easier for Insurance after that!

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AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 13 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Catt	NAT WEST	17	18	94.4
Harris	CASTAWAYS	17	18	94.4
McKee	CASTAWAYS	17	18	94.4
Herbert	NAT WEST	16	18	88.9
Persaud	TREASURY A	22	25	88.0
Fung	TREASURY A	18	22	81.8
Fagan	COMETS	23	29	79.3
Wong	TREASURY A	19	25	76.0
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	24	32	75.0
Bekele	MORPETH	14	21	66.7
Chambers	MORPETH	11	18	61.1
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	14	23	60.9
Evans	SPARTA	14	23	60.9
Jameson	OUTCASTS	9	15	60.0
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	13	22	59.1
Crawford	PRO	15	26	57.7
Turner	PRO	16	29	55.2
Blyuss	MORPETH	8	15	53.3
Jones	NAT WEST	14	27	51.9
Shore	TREASURY B	12	27	44.4
Roullier	OUTCASTS	9	21	42.9
Francis	INSURANCE	13	33	39.4
Codrington	COMETS	7	20	35.0
Cranstone	INSURANCE	9	30	30.0
Tokely	SPARTA	8	27	29.6
Buchanan	PRO	8	29	27.6
Colgan	TREASURY B	4	15	26.7
Velinor	INSURANCE	7	30	23.3
Gittens	TREASURY B	3	27	11.1
Gargrupe	COMETS	2	29	6.9

