

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE BULLETIN 20

AS AT 11 MARCH 2018

	P	W	D	F	A	B	P
TREASURY A	18	15	1	151	29	54	205
CASTAWAYS	17	14	1	131	39	51	182
NAT WEST	18	12	3	119	61	54	173
MORPETH	17	12	2	105	65	51	156
EMPLOYMENT	18	9	3	93	87	54	147
PRO	17	6	2	79	91	51	130
COMETS	17	6	1	69	101	51	120
INSURANCE	18	5	2	63	117	54	117
SPARTA	17	4	1	61	109	51	112
OUTCASTS	17	3	1	52	118	51	103
TREASURY B	18	1	1	37	143	54	91

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 23

The week begins with Treasury A beating Outcasts 9-1. Eight of the ten sets were resolved three straight. Simon Jameson took an end off Giovanni Giuffrida and Perry Fung but Outcasts' sole success came in the form of a three straight win for Andrew Macalister over Giuffrida. 9-1 to Treasury A and only an extraordinary upset can keep their hands off the title. In the previous Bulletin I said Insurance had the best chance of pulling off a surprise result this week. How wrong I was as Employment whitewashed them 10-0! Part of the explanation lay in the players involved – Employment put out their best team while Insurance were understrength. Paul Brady, who's an 80% guy playing regularly in Division 2, pushed Paul Baylis quite close but lost over four ends. Albert Francis took an end off Chris McKee but got no further. A feature of the last month has been how well Richard Oppenheim is playing and he posted another maximum, dropping one end to Jon Velinor. Richard now has 12 successive wins in an unbroken streak. A marathon end between Richard and Paul Brady ended 20-18 in Richard's favour. Comets have struggled to field three players in the second half and finding themselves again with two had little chance against Morpeth. Greg Gargrupe beat Stuart Sweeney, lost to Terese Johannson in four but made little ground against Rob Chambers. Steve Fagan lost ends to Sweeney and Johannson but came through unscathed. Most interesting set of the night was Steve against Rob who started at a sprint and took the first two ends comfortably. In the third, he nearly won the set three straight but Steve hung in there and sneaked a 12-10 win. In the fourth end, Rob retained control and won it 11-7. That's a good win over a player ten places above him in the averages. 7-3 to Morpeth was the final score. Castaways and Sparta enjoyed a sociable evening in a match that gave plenty of time for post-match drinks. Nine ends finished three straight plus Peter Tokely took an end off Norman Grant. Steve Hattrill was Sparta's star, beating Norman Grant in three. 9-1 to Castaways but I fear the title race is lost. A week of fixtures ending in runaway victories was completed by PRO's 9-1 defeat of Treasury B. This was closer than the score suggests with only four sets ending three straight. David Shore was Treasury's best player, taking an end off John Crawford and beating George Buck. Best set of the night was again the doubles where Treasury led after three ends, lost the fourth end and just fell short in the fifth by 11-7.

RICHARD CAMPBELL

AVERAGES (Qualification: ≥ 21 sets played)

Player	Team	Sets Won	Sets Played	Average (%)
Harris	CASTAWAYS	30	33	90.9
Persaud	TREASURY A	38	42	90.5
Fung	TREASURY A	34	39	87.2
Wong	TREASURY A	30	37	81.1
Herbert	NAT WEST	29	36	80.6
Fagan	COMETS	37	46	80.4
McKee	CASTAWAYS	24	30	80.0
Catt	NAT WEST	19	24	79.2
Oppenheim	EMPLOYMENT	26	33	78.8
Bekele	MORPETH	19	27	70.4
LeMilliere	CASTAWAYS	33	47	70.2
Chambers	MORPETH	19	28	67.9
Blyuss	MORPETH	16	24	66.7
Evans	SPARTA	23	35	65.7
Crawford	PRO	23	38	60.5
Baylis	EMPLOYMENT	21	35	60.0
Mak	EMPLOYMENT	16	28	57.1
Jones	NAT WEST	24	45	53.3
Turner	PRO	24	46	52.2
Jameson	OUTCASTS	12	24	50.0
Hattrill	SPARTA	13	28	46.4
Coull	OUTCASTS	10	24	41.7
Francis	INSURANCE	20	51	39.2
Cranstone	INSURANCE	17	45	37.8
Shore	TREASURY B	16	43	37.2
Macalister	OUTCASTS	10	27	37.0
Roullier	OUTCASTS	12	36	33.3
Tokely	SPARTA	13	41	31.7
Codrington	COMETS	7	26	26.9
Buchanan	PRO	9	37	24.3
Velinor	INSURANCE	11	48	22.9
Colgan	TREASURY B	4	23	17.4
Gargrupe	COMETS	8	49	16.3
Gittens	TREASURY B	5	40	12.5
Okai	TREASURY B	4	38	10.5