

Brighthouse C v Bradford E Sunday 12th Feb.

Match Report

Keith and Edwina were cruising the Caribbean as we assembled in Bradford for a match filled with hopes of a possible promotion. A brief conversation with Mike informed that I was the last to arrive [having battled through snow], Eunice was there despite her husband's admission to hospital during the week and Derek and Ingrid were in conference negotiating a system card. So all was well?

Round1. On the second board of the day, board 2, the Bradford captain [an old cricket adversary] opened 1S and bid 2S over a passed double. Over 3C he decided to sacrifice in 3S, but the cost was 1100 for 5 off doubled. What a settler for Neil and George. Elsewhere it was all cut and thrust but there was another big swing on board7 when Derek and Ingrid's opposition bid 2NT and went down 5 vulnerable. So nicely on our way 20+.

Round2 . A round of big swings both ways but +5 to us . Notably on board 10 N/S made 4H and E/W made 4S but both of our E/Ws got 4H off . On board 12 E made game in H or NT but against Jo and Alan W it was in 4NT and went 1 Round 3. Some game swings each way with our defence emerging better than theirs overall. Board 17. Three pairs in 3NTs making but against Mike and Eunice down 1 in 4S. Board 19 saw a revoke by skipper punished as the winning trick was taken with a penalty card on table-5C*=750.

Board 22. 3 pairs made 10 in Spades but one of our pairs bid it +470. Board 23 bid to 5H and 5S at 3 tables but M/Eunice allowed to play in 4S +1. Board 24. 4H +1 at 3 tables but N/George were allowed to play in 4S 3 off for +300 overall .

Plus another 26 but the opposition were aggressive and anything could happen.

Round 4. Board 25 was difficult to bid and in S made 8,9 and 10 tricks, but they bid game and made+480. Board 26. We made 2 part scores and a 2 off vulnerable by J/Alan [there are rumours he twanged his braces to distract the opposition].

This raised us to +57 overall for a 16-4 win. Well done all.

Neil, acting captain.