

## Barnsley B v Brighouse D – Lost 11-9

29<sup>th</sup>. January 2017

The away visit to Barnsley was a close fought affair going, as they say, right down to the wire with defeat only on the very last board. The original team had Doreen partnering Steve but Doreen's unfortunate accident meant that Anne stepped in on Friday to partner Steve.

Pair	Boards 1-8	Boards 9-16	Boards 17-24	Boards 25-32	Totals
1.Barabra & Kevin	250	770	180	310	1510
2.Janet & John	-110	490	1050	170	1600
3. Anne & Steve	-640	-290	-1140	-540	-2610
4. Deanna & Eric	480	840	-760	-360	200
Totals	-20	1810	-670	-420	700

There were no slam bids during the entire match.

The first eight boards went against Brighouse by the smallest of margins of minus 1 IMP with mostly part scores. Game was bid and made on a couple of boards where scores were even.

Boards 9 to 16 were all but one board in part scores with Brighouse coming out on top by 5 IMPS giving a lead as we went into the break of plus 4 IMPS.

The Break was welcome. We were treated to Barnsley Bridge Club's speciality of steak pie, peas and chips (our vegetarian player was given an alternative non meat dish) which, judging by the size of the portions, was meant to be the main if not only meal of the day. Perhaps this was a ploy to induce torpor into the opposition – the home team obviously inured to the food.

Boards 17 to 24 were once again played mainly in part scores with the home team reducing the deficit by 1 IMP.

The final eight boards proved to be a low bidding round with only Barbara and Kevin bidding to game and that was on board thirty. Their score of 400 was by far the highest over the entire eight boards. Unfortunately their efforts were in vain as Brighouse went down by eight IMPS leading to a cumulative score of minus 5 IMPs and victory to the home team by 11 IMPs to 9.

At the post match analysis the general feeling among all the team was that each of them might have done something different at some stage in the match which may have avoided defeat.