

Match report – 13 November 2016

Brighthouse "A" (4) versus Beauchief "A" (16)

Brighthouse A lost the first round by a small margin, but a heavy loss in the second round strongly suggested that Beauchief A would win the day. For the second match in succession, Brighthouse A were facing a potential 20-0 whitewash at the half-way interval.

The first session saw Brighthouse A draw 1, win 5 and lose 2 of the 8 boards. Unfortunately, those 5 boards only brought 19 imps, whilst the 2 boards that were lost gave away 26 imps. On board 3, our pairs failed to bid game whilst both opposition pairs did. On board 5, both our pairs go off 1 in a major game, whilst the opposition make game in spades and their other pair stick at 3H, but make 10 tricks; which gives them 4 positive scores for their side. The first session ended with Beauchief A 7 imps in front.

Session 2 saw Brighthouse A only managing to win 2 boards, which gave them 6 imps. The 5 boards won by Beauchief A gave them 47 imps. In the main, round 2 was underlined by Brighthouse either missing game or going off in game, whilst the opposition were finding and making game. On board 12, both our pairs stop in 3S making 10, whilst the opposition bid onto 4 spades and make both times. On board 13, everybody is playing in spades making 11, however M&B have bid onto 6S. At the end of round 2, Beauchief A led by 48 imps.

Session 3 was a low scoring round that favoured Brighthouse A. With no side being able to dominate, Brighthouse A cut Beauchief A's lead to 40 imps.

The final session saw Beauchief A managing to once again score heavily. On board 27, D&T double 5H only to see it make with 2 overtricks. Whilst on board 28, 3 pairs have found game in hearts making 12, whilst one of Beauchief A's pairs stumbled into 6H; their East player explained that he thought his partner had made a mistake with his bid in response to 4NT (Key Card). Beauchief A were able to add 21 to their score to finish the day with 61 imps and a 16-4 victory.

		Boards				
Direction	Partnership	1 -8	9 - 16	17 - 24	25 - 32	Total
1↔	Mick & Brian	1870	800	760	1050	4480
2↓	Joan & Shirley	-1020	-3500	-1190	-990	-6700
3↔	Ray & John	680	2040	410	440	3570
4↓	Derek & Tony	-2460	-1600	330	-1950	-5680