

Sheffield H v Brighouse D – Lost 18-2

4th. December 2016

The away visit to Sheffield did not go well. Steve Galpin was drafted in at the last minute to partner John Beverley, the pair having not met before the match. They were able to have a chat on the way to the match.

Pair	Boards 1-8	Boards 9-16	Boards 17-24	Boards 25-32	Totals
1. Steve & John	110	130	-230	510	520
2. Barbara & Maurice	-1180	-1520	20	-610	-3290
3. Barbara & Kevin	1100	1070	-210	750	2710
4. Deanna & Eric	-1840	-1240	-800	-570	-4450
Totals	-1810	-1560	-1220	80	-4510

The first eight boards went against Brighouse with East West fairing better than North South which was to be a feature of the afternoon. Brighouse conceded 38 IMPs in this round which was not a good start.

In the second round, boards 9 to 16 there was a slight improvement with only 24 IMPs conceded but this meant that at the half way break Brighouse were 66 IMPs adrift with a mountain to climb.

After a welcome break with sandwiches, cakes and trifle play was resumed. The boards 17 to 18 saw the only slam of the afternoon on board 23 but unfortunately it was Sheffield who bid and made it scoring 1440 points and at the end of this round Brighouse gave up 24 IMPs to leave a cumulative deficit of 90 IMPs.

The gradual improvement over the first three rounds was maintained in round 4 with boards 25 to 32 and was the best one for Brighouse yielding a positive 4 IMPs and thus reducing the overall cumulative score to a negative 86 IMPs. This gave an overall score of 18 to 2 to the Sheffield team and ended Brighouse's winning streak of two matches.