

## Brighouse D versus Harrogate D Lost 2-18

7 January 2018

There was a last minute change to the line-up forced upon us as a result of members of the higher teams contracting flu. Let us hope for a speedy recovering for the afflicted.

Pair	Boards 1-8	Boards 9-16	Boards 17-24	Boards 25-32	Totals
1.Barbara & Maurice	-210	-990	-1050	-1470	-3720
2.Alan & Richard	-430	1130	0	1440	2140
3 Anne & Steve	-940	-1710	-1940	-1330	-5920
4.Deanna & Eric	180	-120	1110	1080	2250
Totals	-1400	-1690	-1880	-280	-5250

No slams were bid during the match by either team but there were a number of boards played in game contracts.

The first eight boards went against Brighouse by a margin of minus 26 IMPS with mostly part scores. Game was bid and made on a couple of boards where scores were generally even.

Boards 9 to 16 were again played mainly part scores bid by both teams. The overall result on these boards was even worse than on the first eight boards with Brighouse falling behind by another 30 IMPs to give Harrogate an interval lead of 56 IMPs. Brighouse were very much up against the odds.

The Break was welcome. A nice tea was provided with a variety of sandwiches, pork pies and cakes.

Boards 17 to 24 were once again played in a mix of game and part scores with the home team pulling away by an even higher score of 35 IMPs to give them what was to prove an unassailable lead of 91 IMPs

The final eight boards proved once again to be a mixture of game and part game contracts with no slams in evidence. Brighouse were now getting into their stride and at the end of these eight boards had pulled back 9 IMPs to prevent the ignominy of conceding a century but it might be considered that a final deficit of 82 IMPs counts as something of a disaster.