

Barnsley B v Brighouse D – Won 15 - 5

29th. October 2017

The away visit to Barnsley proved fruitful for Brighouse who led from the start to record a victory in the first match of the season.

Pair	Boards 1-8	Boards 9-16	Boards 17-24	Boards 25-32	Totals
1.Barabra & Kevin	-440	2000	1930	370	3860
2.Barbara & Maurice	-280	-2030	580	340	-1390
3 Doreen & Geoff	10	3370	20	2010	5410
4.Deanna & Eric	2210	-3090	-1350	-2030	-4260
Totals	1500	250	1180	690	3620

There were several slams bid during the match both by Barnsley and Brighouse which cancelled each other out

The first eight boards went in favour of Brighouse by a margin of plus 16 IMPS with mostly part scores. Game was bid and made on a couple of boards where scores were even. This was a good start. Could the visitors maintain their advantage?

Boards 9 to 16 saw slams bid by both teams which were made but the overall result on these boards was plus 1 Imp to Brighouse giving them an interval lead of 17 IMPS.

The Break was welcome. We were treated to Barnsley Bridge Club's speciality of steak pie, peas and chips 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. Our two vegetarian players had been provided with an alternative non-meat dish but no one told the other visiting team who got to them first. This was quickly corrected by the Barnsley catering staff.

Boards 17 to 24 were once again played in a mix of game and part scores with the visitors increasing their lead by a further 18 IMPS to take a lead of 35 IMPS. Could the away team sustain their momentum or was a collapse on the way?

The final eight boards proved to be a mixture of game and part game contracts with no slams in evidence. Brighouse slipped slightly but won the round by 11 IMPS to take a cumulative score of plus 48 IMPS and the match by 15 to 5

The post match analysis was generally positive with team members pleased to have got the season off to a winning start. Let us hope we can keep it up.