

With just two matches to go to try to stay in Division 6 we badly needed a good result and started with a small gain of 4 imps on the first quarter.

The first board resulted in wildly different outcomes as Chris & Pauline just failed in 4H-1, made against Val & Ann, whilst Kevin & Chris pocketed +500 for 5DX-3 and the other opposing pair failed in 4S-2 (+3 imps). 8 imps were lost on Board 3 when Chris & Pauline's opponents were the only pair to make 3NT but 10 imps were gained on Board 7 as Kevin & Chris's opponents failed to bid game.

Unfortunately, the second round contained a couple of mini-disasters which accounted for 26 of the 32 imps we lost on this round to go into the interval at -28 imps and leaving a lot to do in the second half. Board 10 was our worst of the match when Chris & Pauline allowed 3NT to make against them, this going three down when Neil & George played in the same contract, Val & Ann playing in just 1H= and Kevin & Chris strangely leaving 1HX to play by their opponents for -360 when this made an overtrick (-15 imps). The other bad board was no. 12 played in four different contracts, 3C-2 and 2S-2 by E-W and 3D+3 and 3NT+1 by N-S (-11 imps). We also lost another 6 imps on the final board of the round when Kevin & Chris were the only pair not in game, taking +200 for 4DX-1 with 4H making 11 or 12 tricks the other way.

After our first hot tea in a home match at Fixby of lasagne and meat pie, which was extremely well received, we regained 10 imps on the third quarter to trail by 18 imps going into the final decisive round. Board 17 was the most interesting when Chris & Pauline made 5D, Val & Ann's opponents made 5C, Kevin & Chris went one off in the same contract but Neil & George made 4S+1 the other way (+9 imps). 7 imps were lost on Board 18 when Val & Ann were the only pair not to compete in Spades, allowing 1NT to make, and 9 imps were lost on Board 24 when Kevin & Chris failed to make 3D making on two other tables. We gained 10 imps, however, on Board 23 when Neil & George's opponents bid 4S-2 when 3NT made on all other tables.

Unfortunately, two good boards on the last round were outweighed by four poor ones, resulting in a 15-imp deficit on the round and a 33-imp defeat (6-14) overall. 9 imps were lost on Board 27 when Chris & Pauline got punished for an over-ambitious 4S-3, making 8 or 9 tricks in 3S on two other tables and 7 imps were lost on the next board when Val & Ann went three off in 3NT, the other scores being 1NT+3, 1NT= and 3S-1. We regained 9 imps on Board 29 as Neil & George took 300 points off their opponents in 2S when all others had allowed 2D to play the other way, Val & Ann being the only pair to defeat this. Another 7 imps were gained on the penultimate board when Val & Ann defeated 3NT, making twice elsewhere, but 9 imps were lost on the final board when Val & Ann and Neil & George failed to compete above 2S, the other contracts being 2H+2 and 3D+2 the other way.

So, this was a disappointing defeat, with Keighley just being that little bit better than ourselves, which sends us back to the bottom of the table. Whilst not being relegated yet, we now need an outstanding result in our final match at Wensleydale to have any chance of staying up. Many thanks to all players, however, for doing your best again.

BRIGHOUSE B PAIRS	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	TOTAL
Chris & Pauline	-1280	-1680	+530	-120	-2550
Val & Ann	+530	+1080	-1010	+140	+740
Kevin & Chris	-40	-1590	+260	-240	-1610
Neil & George	+970	+230	+900	-400	+1700
BRIGHOUSE B PAIRS	SLAMS MADE	CONCEDED	GAMES MADE	CONCEDED	
Chris & Pauline	0	0	5	9	
Val & Ann	0	0	7	5	
Kevin & Chris	0	0	3	6	
Neil & George	0	0	8	4	