

## Match report – 06 December 2015

### Brighthouse "A" vs Bradford "C" - Win 14-6

The day was bright and clear which made for a relatively stress free journey to one of our nearest competitors. Also, despite Bradford City having a home match, parking was easier to find than it has been in previous years.

Round one was essentially decided on three boards. Board 4 saw N&J being the only pair to find game in a "makes every time" 3NT contract, whilst board 8 saw M&B's opponents bidding a small slam in hearts that just wasn't there, whilst both our E/W pairs settled on making game contracts. However, Board 3 provided a surprise when every N/S pair bid to 3NT, with both of their pairs making 12 tricks, yet our pairs went light each time. Still, the good news was that we had done enough to be 8 points in front by the end of the round.

Round two saw two big swings; one for each side. On board 13, J&S found their opponents being the only pair not to bid a nailed on grand slam, as they stopped short in a small slam. On board 10 it was the turn of our E/W pairs to be surprised as they both went off in 4S, whilst each of the opposing E/W pairs made. Round two was won by Bradford by 3 points, but we retained the advantage with an overall score of +5.

Tea was taken at the end of round two, with Bradford providing plenty of good sandwiches. Round three also had two big swings, but this time both of them favoured Brighthouse. On board 21, all E/W pairs found game in 3NT, but R&R took their opponents off by 2 tricks. Then on board 23 M&B were the only N/S pair allowed to play and make 4S, with all other tables seeing E/W pairs continue to 5C making; the added bonus came when N&J's 5C contract was doubled, making with an overtrick, which scored better than actually bidding 6C. Board 23 was the biggest of the day and helped us to add 16 to our score to take the running total to +21.

Round four was played at a steady pace, with the main points of interest being found on board 25 when 3 of the 4 N/S pairs bid and made 4H, whilst J&S' opponents surprisingly stopped short of game in 3S (making 9). Then on board 29, R&R were the only pair to make game. We won the round by 14 and the match by +35, giving us a 14 - 6 victory.

Brighthouse "A" started the day 4 points clear at the top of Division 5, but a 14-6 victory by 2nd place Beauchief "A" sees that lead halved to 2 points.

**Well done team.**

		Boards				
Direction	Partnership	1 - 8	9 - 16	17 - 24	25 - 32	Total
1↑	Mick & Brian	200	1570	-1070	-1370	<b>-670</b>
2↔	Joan & Shirley	-310	-1210	2330	1490	<b>2300</b>
3↑	Ray & Rudi	-230	930	-1990	-1130	<b>-2420</b>
4↔	Neil & John	270	-2000	2420	1690	<b>2380</b>

