

BRIGHOUSE C BEAT BRADFORD F BY 13 -7

15th November 2015

The Brighthouse C Team demonstrated our strength in depth by fielding a much-changed team with three different pairs from the opening game. Nevertheless we continued our brilliant start to the season by beating Bradford F 13 – 7 (23 IMPs).

The pairs were:

1. Keith & Edwina
2. Alan & Jo
3. Kevin & Barbara
4. Judith & Eunice

There was no indication of what was to come as the pre-match coffee apparently failed to waken us and we found ourselves 33 IMPS down after the first round of eight boards. The only point of note was a successful board 5 where pair 1 doubled a bid of 3 clubs (vulnerable) and took the opponents down by two tricks (500 points). The least said about the rest of those boards the better.

The second round saw a storming comeback in which the opposition were demolished. Pair 3 made a slam in 6NT on board 9 (1020 pts) and pair 4 made a slam in 6 Hearts on board 11 (1010 pts). Crucially, the opposition failed to bid slams on both those boards. Not to be outdone, pair 2 doubled their opponents in 4 Spades (vulnerable) on board 12, took them down by four tricks and were rewarded with 1100 points. The second round saw us win by 59 IMPs to give us an overall lead of 26 IMPs at the halfway stage.

By comparison, there were few fireworks in round 3. Worthy of mention was pair 3 making 11 tricks in 5 Diamonds on board 17 after being doubled (550 pts). However, we recorded a small deficit of 6 IMPs on the round, the overall lead thus being reduced to 20 IMPs going into the tea break.

The final quarter was evenly balanced as we held on to the lead whilst waiting for the final whistle. A credit of 3 IMPs in the final round meant the match was won by 23 IMPS, prompting some joyous scenes (well, there were some satisfied smiles).

This was a very good team performance in which all pairs played a part. Well done to everyone!

Keith Stones.