

Accessing your Individual Pairs performance at Teams

The new web site has lots of additional information about your individual performance both at Teams and Pairs. What may be of particular interest is how you did as a pair in teams competitions.

To access this information follow these steps:

1. Open the web site.
2. Click on latest results (or click the results button and pick the relevant set of results).
3. This will display the overall results for the competition.
4. Click on the Scorecard tab.
5. Click on the "Play it Again" button under the hand graphics.
6. It may ask you to chose a viewer. Click on "BS Online"
7. In the window that opens, click on the **Results Analysis**.
8. Click on "All Pairs", this will show you the overall pairs results based on X-imp scoring. Click on your pair.
9. Now click on Personal, this will give an overall analysis of your pairs performance.
10. Click on "Boards", this will give you a more in depth analysis of your performance board by board.
11. Finally, if you wish to replay any board, in the "Play it Again" window, click the contract and select play. The defender, who is on lead will have his hand highlighted with the number of tricks available to their side shown for any lead.

X- Imps v Butler

Originally, IMP pairs games were scored by the Butler method (named after Geoffrey Butler, a former president of the now-defunct British Bridge League who devised the method as a means of scorinmg British international trials). This method establishes a 'datum' for each board, by averaging the scores achieved across the field (sometimes discarding the top and bottom one or two scores first). Then the players' scores are compared to the datum, and the difference converted to IMPs using the normal scale.

However, there are a few problems and anomalies with this method, and nowadays it's generally considered better to use the alternative Cross-IMPs method. Cross-IMPs simply scores each result in IMPs against all the other results in the field, and then takes the average of them. In the old days this would have been quite a task to do by hand, which is probably why the Butler method was used for so long, but with computer scoring Cross-IMPs is quite straightforward – just select the appropriate setting in the scoring program, and let it do the rest.

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