

HUDDERSFIELD E v BRIGHOUSE C - LOST 5 - 15

1st December 2019

After clocking up the miles in the previous two matches, the C Team made the short trip down the A641 to play our neighbours. The strong Huddersfield line-up contained many familiar faces and we immediately suspected we were in for a tough match. Our suspicions were correct.

The first round was extremely tight. Keith & Edwina successfully doubled the opposition on both boards 2 and 3 to give us an advantage on those boards. The best result for us came on board 8 where Les & Paul were the only East-West pair to bid and make a slam in 6 Spades. Nevertheless, we finished -2 IMPs on the round.

Round 2 was not good, with a positive score on only one board. This came on board 14 where 4 Hearts makes 10 tricks all day long, but Eunice & Brenda pushed their opponents up to 5 Hearts, going down by one trick, giving us 10 IMPs. The poor scores on all the other boards meant we went into the break with a cumulative deficit of -28 IMPs.

The half-time sandwiches and cakes gave us all a boost because we came storming back with a score of +21 IMPs in the third round. Keith & Edwina again doubled an overly-competitive bid of 5 Diamonds by their opponents on board 19, who went down by two tricks to present us with 500 points, whilst Ann & Kate prevented their opponents from making 4 Hearts. That board gave us 580 points and 11 IMPs. Board 20 was also lucrative, due to Keith & Edwina's opponents doubling their bid of 4 Spades, which made 10 tricks (790 points) and Les & Paul (playing in the opposite direction) bidding and making 5 Hearts! Positive scores followed on board 21 where Ann & Kate restricted their opponents to only 5 tricks in a 2NT contract, and on board 23 where Eunice & Brenda were the only pair to bid and make 4 Spades. Only 7 IMPs separated the two teams at the end of the round.

Sadly, from this point everything went pear-shaped. The only board in the last round that gave us a positive score was board 28 which was passed out on two tables and Ann & Kate restricted their opponents to only 5 tricks in a 1NT contract (yes, that was the highlight of the round!). A miserable score of -33 IMPs on the round resulted in an overall deficit of -40 IMPs and a 5 – 15 defeat.

An analysis shows that our opponents bid and made 32 game contracts compared to our 27 game contracts, and this appears to be the main difference between the two teams.

Although this was a disappointing result, we have to acknowledge that we were well beaten by good opponents. Well played the Huddersfield E team.

Pair	Boards 1-8	Boards 9-16	Boards 17-24	Boards 25-32	Totals
1. Ann & Kate (E-W)	1480	980	180	430	3070
2. Eunice & Brenda (N-S)	-2890	-1890	-750	-840	-6370
3. Les & Paul (E-W)	2350	640	1690	-450	4230
4. Keith & Edwina (N-S)	-1050	-1390	-420	-760	-3620
Totals	-110	-1660	700	-1620	-2690

Keith Stones.