

Brighouse D versus Halifax D Lost 13 - 7

1st December 2019

Pair	Boards 1-8	Boards 9-16	Boards 17-24	Boards 25-32	Totals
Jo and Alan	-130	650	410	-930	0
Stephanie and Johan	610	-120	-860	610	240
Doreen and Derek	-1050	1010	740	-1490	-790
Deanna and Eric	90	-280	110	1450	1370
Totals	-480	1260	400	-360	820

Only one slam was bid throughout the match and 10 tricks were made. This was by the Halifax team against Brighouse pair 1. No board in this match made 12 tricks suggesting that slam bids were not appropriate.

In the first eight boards only board 4 had game contracts made by both the Brighouse and the Halifax teams. All other boards were played in part contracts and these boards were felt to be "lacklustre". At the end of this round Halifax were ahead by 16 IMPs.

The second eight boards pair 1 made two successful 3 NT contracts. Pairs 2 and 4 both made 5D contracts. Pair 3 made successful game bids in NTs and in Hearts though most other contracts were part scores. The trick counts generally suggested that the team had been prudent not to over bid. At the end of these eight boards Brighouse had reduced the Halifax lead to 4 IMPs.

An appetising afternoon tea was enjoyed. The sandwiches and cakes were delicious and it was a pleasure to sit at tables with pretty china and proper table cloths.

In boards 17 to 24 three tables passed out with only Brighouse pair 3 were unsuccessful in their bid of 1 NTs. A feature of these boards was the predominance of NT bids which generally were more successful than suit contracts where there appeared to be some overoptimistic bidding by both teams. At the end of this round Halifax's lead had stretched to 10 IMPs but the Brighouse team felt that this was not an unassailable lead.

The final four boards favoured East /West and so pairs 2 and 4 had the opportunity to bid and make game contracts as did the Halifax team. Unfortunately Brighouse were not able to overcome the deficit and lost the match by 13 to 7. A valiant but unsuccessful effort by Brighouse.