

## Brighouse D versus Huddersfield F Won 13 - 7

10<sup>th</sup>. November 2019

Pair	Boards 1-8	Boards 9-16	Boards 17-24	Boards 25-32	Totals
1 Jo & Alan	1410	1420	140	820	3790
2 Barbara & Maurice	-1090	-1030	-580	-580	-3280
3 Doreen & Derek	750	2510	780	-290	3750
4 Deanna & Eric	150	-860	-830	-1410	-2950
Totals	1220	2040	-490	-1460	1310

Pairs 1 and 3 were playing East West whilst pairs 2 and 4 played North South.

We were greeted by the Huddersfield Team Captain and introduced to some members of their team. Tea, coffee and biscuits were provided on our arrival.

In the first eight boards the team made only three game contracts – interestingly on different boards. Pair 1 made two 4H contracts on boards 2 and 6 whilst pair 3 made a 4H contract on board 4. Fortunately the opposition made only two game contracts; each one on board 2. There was some underbidding by the Brighouse team, nevertheless their cautiousness resulted in a lead of 19 IMPs at the end of this set of boards.

On boards 9 to 16, in most cases West had control of the bidding on both the Brighouse and Huddersfield teams. Pair 1 made two successful bids of 3 NT making all 13 tricks on board 12. Pair 3 bid and made game on 4 boards – including a successful slam bid of 6 NT on board 12. The only pass out board of the match was board 10 played by pair 4 – pair 2's opponents bid 1 NT which they made. At the end of this round the Brighouse lead had extended to +53 IMPs.

A tea of sandwiches and home-made cakes was enjoyed during the break. The team were made to feel very welcome and were seated at tables with fresh linen. The Huddersfield team captain circulated between the tables ensuring that dietary requests had been met and that tea pots were replenished when necessary.

Once more on the third set of boards East and West pairs had control of the bidding though Huddersfield's pairs 1 and 3 made one and two game contracts respectively with several part scores. Brighouse pairs 1 and 3 had similar game contracts made against them which in this set of boards tended to even out the scoring. Pair 2 made a successful game bid on board 22 and pair 4 on board 24. The Brighouse lead was now reduced to 47 IMPs

At the beginning of the final set of boards the team were feeling optimistic about the final result but realised that there was no room for complacency. The boards in this section did not produce hands which were as interesting as the first three rounds. There was only one game contract bid and made. This was by the Huddersfield pairs on board 26. It would appear that the Brighouse team did not bid too cautiously as generally the lower bids did not score more tricks than the part contract bid. The score at the end of this round saw Huddersfield take 22 IMPs from Brighouse to reduce Brighouse's lead to a positive 25 IMPs and a winning score of 13 to 7.

The team were pleased to note that the overall scores of pairs 1 and 3 were very close to each other as were the overall scores of pairs 2 and 4.