

## Brighouse D versus Bradford E Lost 20-0

15<sup>th</sup>. December 2019

Pair	Boards 1-8	Boards 9-16	Boards 17-24	Boards 25-32	Totals
Jo and Alan	-1890	-1970	-300	650	-3510
Brenda and Eunice	660	1180	430	-820	1450
Stephanie and Craig	-1550	-2150	-350	-220	-4270
Deanna and Eric	320	-1050	510	-680	-900
Totals	-2460	-3990	290	-1070	-7230

In boards 1 to 8 pairs 1 and 3 (North/ South) had the opportunity to be declarer once or twice respectively and on those occasions were able only to bid part contracts. Each pair had two game contracts successfully made by their opponents and consequently gained negative scores. Pair 2 (East /West) were able to counteract some of this by making two successful game contracts. Pair 4, however, underbid on these two boards and therefore only gained small scores. At the end of this round Brighouse were down by 54 IMPs.

In the next 8 boards (9 – 16) although pair 1 and pair 3 made one or two game contracts respectively their opponents were successful in making slam bids. Pair 2 made a successful slam bid but once again pair 4 underbid on this board. Both pairs 2 and 4 were successful on board 10 matching the scores of the opposition. The Bradford team appeared to be earning points through successful slam bids. At the end of this set of boards Brighouse's negative score had increased to a negative 116 IMPs.

An appetising tea of sandwiches and home-made cakes was enjoyed.

In the next round of boards (11 to 24) pairs 1 and 3 made successful game contracts on board 21. All other positive scores were for part contracts. Pair 2 (E/W) did not make a game contract but their score was enhanced by doubling a 5 diamond bid by the opposition which went down yielding 500 points as they were not vulnerable. Pair 4 made two successful game contracts though unfortunately both these hands (17 and 21) were not vulnerable. At the end of this round Brighouse had gain a positive score of 1 IMP leaving a cumulative score of minus 115 IMPs.

As with the boards in other rounds there were few game contracts made by either team in this final 8 boards. On this set of boards pair 1 made two successful game contracts and pair 3 made one. Pair 1's score was affected by being doubled when not making their contract on board 26 when they were vulnerable. In this set of boards only one game contract was made; this was board 10 where the Bradford team's pairs both successfully bid 5 diamonds. Even the Brighouse team's successful part scores were not able to improve the cumulative score which ended as minus 125 IMPs to leave the team very deflated losing 20 – 0.