

Brighouse D versus Doncaster F - Lost 14 - 6

16th. February 2020

Pair	Boards 1-8	Boards 9-16	Boards 17-24	Boards 25-32	Totals
Barbara and Maurice	420	690	830	1590	3530
Brenda and Eunice	-920	-610	-520	-2330	-4400
Jo and Alan	-20	-440	1130	50	720
Deanna and Eric	-820	-560	-330	-1710	-3420
Totals	-1360	-920	+1110	-2400	-3570

In the first 8 boards East/West in both teams made 5 out of the eight contracts. Brighouse pairs 1 and 3 each made 2 successful 3NT contracts one of them making 10,12 and 13 tricks. Pairs 2 and 4 both made two game contracts. Doncaster's team made similar contracts and were successful in making other game contracts so that after these eight boards Brighouse were down by 22 IMPs.

On boards 9 to 16 pairs 1 and 3 each made one successful game contract but other game contracts were not made. Pairs 2 and 4 each made one successful game contract though pair 4 had under bid making 12 tricks when in 3NTs. At the end of this round Doncaster were ahead by 32 IMPs.

At the interval there was the usual feast of pie and vegetables followed on this occasion by sticky toffee pudding which would have done Sharrow Bay proud.

After the interval on boards 17 to 24 pairs 1 and 3 both made successful game contracts on two of the eight boards as well as some positive part scores. Pair 2 made one game contract (board 23) but pair 4 under bid on this board also making 10 tricks against a contract of 3 H's. On these boards the Doncaster team made all other contracts including one successful game contract. At the end of this round Brighouse had recovered well and were behind by only 5 IMPs.

The team approached the last eight boards with the hope that their recovery would last and bring about a more positive result to the match. Though pairs 1 and 3 each made two successful game contracts the opponents of pairs 2 and 4 matched this performance and made and also made other part scores. At the end of this round Doncaster had stretched their lead to 35 IMPs to give them a winning score of 14 – 6.

Pair one are to be congratulated on their positive scores in all four rounds.