

Mighty Mutton almost beaten by Div 5 Biddables!

The Biddables team of Maggie McPhillips, Tilly Bingham, David Owen and Duncan Watson were drawn against Mutton Madras in the first round of Higson Cup. The Mutton Madras team consists of European Champions Jason & Justin Hackett together with Adrian Kenworthy and Martin Taylor.

Despite the Higson Cup being handicapped this year the underdogs weren't expecting great things against their illustrious opposition particularly as the average NGS of their team was almost 14% lower than their opponents.

However, two superb Grand Slams bid by Maggie & Tilly gave them hope.

Optimum: EW 7N; +1520 LoTT: 16-18 = -2		♠ J 8 4 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ 10 8 6 2	Bridge Solver Online: John Goacher Double Dummy Solver Module: Bo Haglund
♠ A Q ♥ A Q 10 ♦ A J 5 ♣ A K Q J 4	8	♠ 9 6 ♥ K J 8 7 5 3 ♦ K 8 7 3 ♣ 3	
27 3 7 3		♠ K 10 7 5 3 ♥ 9 4 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ 9 7 5	
			N ♠ ♥ ♦ NT S - - - - E 7 6 7 4 7 W 7 6 7 4 7

Here the bidding went
2C - 2H - 4NT - 5H - 7H with NS silent throughout.

Maggie and Tilly were soon chalking up 1510 in the plus column and 11 IMPs when they scored up with team mates.

In the second half they were at it again!

Optimum: NS 7N; +1520 LoTT: 16-17 = -1		♠ K 3 ♥ A K Q 6 4 ♦ A J 7 2 ♣ 6 5	Bridge Solver Online: John Goacher Double Dummy Solver Module: Bo Haglund
♠ Q 8 7 6 2 ♥ J 7 5 3 ♦ 6 4 ♣ Q 7	16	♠ J 5 ♥ 10 8 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ J 9 8 4 3 2	
5 17 2 16		♠ A 10 9 4 ♥ 9 ♦ K Q 10 8 3 ♣ A K 10	
			N ♠ ♥ ♦ NT S 4 7 6 5 7 E 4 7 6 5 7 W - - - - -

This time after West dealt and passed it went 1H - 2D - 3D - 4NT - 5H - 7D and 1440 on the scorecard and another 11 IMPs.

They ended up just 39 IMPs behind which was reduced to 14 after the handicap was applied.

Mutton Madras will progress to Round 2 and The Biddables will go into the Plate but they must be really pleased to have come so close to beating their famous opponents.