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2018 JASON OWEN OPEN - GILLESPIE'S GLORY

Scott Gillespie became the first ever event winner on the new Supreme Pool Series after he came from behind in an-all Scottish final to win the Jason Owen Open.



The Supreme Series opening event brought together top players from both sides of the English 8 Ball Pool divide, including the return of some of the sport's greats. This five event series boasts over £150,000 in prize money across the year including a record-breaking £51,000 to the winner of the Grand Finals at the conclusion of the campaign.

The multi-talented Gillespie, a former Nations Cup Blackball Champion, went into the tournament with positive memories of the Players Pool Lounge venue having reached the final of the Supreme Masters which was staged there last year.

Fellow Scot Liam Dunster, the reigning B.I. World Champion was Gillespie's opponent in the final with the odds unable to split them. The opening eight frames were shared, but Dunster pressed on the accelerator to go 7-4 up. Gillespie went on to claim 7 of the next 9 frames to record an 11-9 win and take the magnificent Jason Owen Open trophy, a cool £5,000 payday and become the first title winner on the Supreme Pool Series roll of honour.

The early stages of the competition produced significant drama and evidence of how tough this series is going to be with the much fancied Clint l'Anson and Mark Boyle both exiting the competition at the earliest avenue, as too did the reigning World Masters Champion Josh Kane.

For the first time big names from all corners came together, Karl Boyes, Chris Melling, multi-discipline World Champion Darren Appleton, Tom Cousins & Carl Morris are just a few of a glittering line up.

The Series uses the very best equipment for the world's best players, Strachan Cloth Aramith balls and Supreme tables ensured the very highest playing conditions.

Stuart Gardiner, UK & Ireland Sales Manager for Strachan and Aramith commented: "Congratulations go to Lee Kendall on delivering this series. The line-up is incredible and the standard of the event is superb. It is fascinating to see players from all forms of the sport competing together at last."

The second instalment of the Supreme Pool Series will be the Strachan Cup which will run from the 13th-15th July.

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