



Press Release Walsall Day 1 a

GUKPT Heads to Walsall

The GUKPT second leg in Walsall kicked off yesterday with a record field for a 1,000 pound event in the UK. In total 360 players will be vying it out to compete for the title of GUKPT Leg 2 Winner and follow in Praz Bansi's footsteps. Day 1a saw the first of four days of poker action and included a field studded with familiar faces. Amongst those in attendance were Paul "Action" Jackson, Willie Tann and John Gale. Norwegian pros Henning Granstad and Tor Iversen also made the trip across the North Sea to try and claim the top prize of 120,000 pounds.

As well as a host of professional players there were also 37 online qualifiers trying to prove that they have what it takes to make it in the world of live poker. After nine levels of play the online qualifiers are holding their own with Paul Gourlay heading into day 2 as chip leader with 67,000 chips. With 68 players left the top ten is dominated by the online contingent from Blue Square Poker. However, with three more days of poker action to come this could quickly change.

Day 1b kicks off later this afternoon with yet more names from the elite of the poker world including our very own GUKPT Leg 1 winner Praz Bansi. Check the www.gukpt.com website for live updates throughout the day/night.

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