



Monday, 21 May 2007



Dave Smith wins the fifth leg of the GUKPT in Brighton

The fifth leg of the Grosvenor UK Poker Tour (GUKPT) in Brighton came to a conclusion in the small hours of Monday morning with Dave Smith walking away with just over 100,000 pounds and a seat in the Grand Final later this year.

After four days of intense action the final table was a mixture of experienced pros, Blue Square poker online qualifiers and some previous final tablists. To get to the final table these nine players battled through a tough field of over three hundred players. Amongst those competing for the title were WPT and EPT winner Roland de Wolfe, EPT winner Victoria Coren, Praz Banshi (Leg One winner), Jerome Bradpiece (Leg Two winner), Michael Greco (Leg Three Winner) and Dave Colclough (Leg Four Winner).

1 st Place	Dave Smith	95,000 + 10,000 & Grand Final Seat
2 nd Place	Neil Carr	50,300
3 rd Place	Rajesh Modha	33,600
4 th Place	Albert Sapiano	24,400
5 th Place	Roberto Romanello	18,300
6 th Place	Mazhar Nawab	15,200
7 th Place	James Dempsey	12,200
8 th Place	John Exley	9,200
9 th Place	Barney Boatman	6,100

Although David Colclough went very deep in the tournament it was International Chess Master Neil Carr and Ladbrokes poker million winner Rajesh Modha who battled it out with eventual winner David Smith. After several hours it was Smith who scooped the cash, a Tutima watch and a seat in the Grand Final (worth three thousand pounds). In the final hand Dave called Neil's all-in reraise on a 5-4-T all diamond flop. Neil, holding 6-2 of diamonds had already made his flush, but Dave's 9 of diamonds, Ten of hearts holding improved when the Ace of diamonds fell on the turn.



The event, which is being shown on Channel Four later in the year, is the pinnacle of Smith poker career. Although he is a regular and popular figure on the UK circuit this was his first win in a major event.

Jonathan Raab Tour Manager commented:

“Dave Smith is a worthy GUKPT winner. He has come close before in previous events and played solidly throughout the tournament. He was one of the early chip leaders and stayed near the top of the leader board for most of the event. I look forward to seeing him at our next event in Newcastle.”

For more information or interviews please contact Richard Bloch on press@gukpt.com or phone 07920563051

NOTES TO EDITORS

Tour dates & locations:

January – Bolton, 12th -14th

February – Walsall, 15th -18th

March – Cardiff, 22nd -25th

April – Manchester, 19th -22nd

May – Brighton, 17th -20th

July – Newcastle. 19th -22nd

August – Luton, 9th -12th

September – Plymouth, 6th -9th

October – London, 18th -21st

November – Blackpool, 15th -18th

November/December - GRAND FINAL, London, 29th November-2nd December

About Blue Square:

Blue Square was launched on 5th May 1999 and is one of the largest online gaming company in the UK. The product suite offered by Blue Square has grown from its traditional bookmaking business to now offer all aspects of the gaming market including casino, slots and poker with a goal to increase the product range in the near future. The fixed odds betting services covers many channels including the Internet, Interactive TV, WAP and telephone.

About Grosvenor Casinos:

Grosvenor Casinos operates 33 casinos throughout the UK. It positions its gaming facilities as a mainstream leisure pursuit providing customers with an alternative night out. Grosvenor Casinos offers the latest in gaming facilities to regular, occasional and recreational gamers. It provides customers with a full leisure experience, offering bar and restaurant; sports lounge facilities and regular live entertainment.



Both Blue Square and Grosvenor are part of the Rank Group Gaming Division which also operates 113 Mecca Bingo clubs in the UK and 11 bingo clubs in Spain.

For further information please contact:

Richard Bloch – press@gukpt.com