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**DUNSTER CREATES HISTORY AT THE HOME LEISURE DIRECT GRAND FINAL**

Liam Dunster put the disappointments of two previous Supreme Pool Series final defeats behind him as he claimed the season concluding Home Leisure Direct Grand Final title last weekend. In the process, he took home a record-breaking cheque for £51,000 - the largest tournament prize ever awarded in English 8-Ball Pool



After a quartet of events throughout the year, 124 players were eligible for the highly anticipated final chapter of this inaugural SPS. During the three days at the Players Pool and Snooker Lounge, Dunster went undefeated.

Liam's opponent in the final was a resurgent Darren Appleton. Despite having been away from the sport for so long - around ten years, in fact, the 2012 World 9-Ball Champion showed he can still mix it with the current crop of hardened match-players.

The final showcased all that's good with the Supreme Pool Series. It was a clash that encompassed different eras, generations and styles, between two players who have played opposite rules sets for the majority of their careers.

Perhaps spurred on by his previous final defeats to Gillespie and Harrision, Dunster was strong in the latter stages with an 11-9 victory to claim the most lucrative tournament prize in the sport's history.

One of the hottest properties in English 8 Ball Pool right now, it capped an amazing year for the talented 25-year-old who also lifted trophies on the IPA circuit via the Champions Cup and Masters. Dunster also finishes the year as the Supreme Pool Series number 1 ranked player.

The final featured a brand new cloth from Strachan that was a huge hit with all the players. The new Strachan Superfine has been designed to be the ultimate napped woolen cloth for English 8 ball pool. The mastermind behind the new Supreme series, Lee Kendall commented: "I strongly believe this cloth will be the future. The general feel, the responsiveness and the quickness put the cloth ahead of any other. Along with the amazing aesthetically looking silver colour giving English 8ball the unique and distinctive look it as always needed".

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