

**ENGLISH PRO TICKET TOUR
STAGE TWO
EVENT 1**

**CRAIGIE WINS OPENER
JOHAL STILL LEADS**

Stephen Craigie won the first event of the EASB Pro Ticket Tour Stage Two, Newcastle defeating Kuljesh Johal, Huddersfield 6-3 in the final, Northern SC, Leeds.

Craigie who is not in the final stages of the English Amateur is 3rd, Johal with the English Amateur points added to the last 32 to be played May 1st-2nd heads Adam Wicheard, Trowbridge in the combined North/South rankings which features a set 32 players.

The winner led easily 5-1 in the final which included a run of 87 despite a 60 from Johal in the 5th frame, Johal won the 7th and 8th frames but clinically Craigie claimed the win with a 117 break.

Craigie opened day one with a 5-2 win against Elliot Bastable came back from 3-1 down to beat Daniel Ward 5-3 with breaks of 59, 134 and 58 and over a few close frames edged David Craggs by the same score on Sunday he crushed Ian Glover 5-1 in the semi finals, 51 break.

Johal reached the final by beating Shaun Wilkes 5-1, Jonathan Bagley 5-3 from 2-1 adrift, James McGouran 5-2, Johal 50 and 66, McGouran 52 in the last frame and finally Sean Bullock 5-0 breaks of 79, 58 and 57.

In the quarter finals Bullock fired in efforts of 92,95,96 and 70 to lead Stuart Carrington 4-3, 83 forced the decider which Bullock won 74-55.

Out of the nine 5-4 matches David Craggs beat Adam Duffy on the black from 4-2 down. Robbie Williams won from 2-0 and 4-3 down with breaks of 82, 50 and 81 to beat Adam Wicheard pointless for the three above frames, Wicheard back to lead with 54 and 76, Williams 62 for 4-4.

Ian Glover squandered a 4-1 lead to Sam Harvey recovering with a run of 77 in the last who then thumped Williams 5-0 in the quarters opening with 92.

Malcolm Thorne
English Snooker