



SWISS PLAYER WINS RECORD PRIZE IN POKERSTARS TURBO CHAMPIONSHIP MAIN EVENT

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – February 1, 2016 – Swiss player Dinesh ‘NastyMinder’ Alt was last night crowned 2016 Turbo Championship of Online Poker (TCOOP) Main Event champion at PokerStars, an Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA) brand, pocketing a record TCOOP prize of \$396,691.43 following a heads-up deal with ‘KungKroon’ from Sweden. The first-place prize surpassed the previous largest – won by ‘Nikki_Hefner’ in last year’s TCOOP Main Event – by just \$175.05.

Alt topped a field of 4,077 players after 5hr 34min to win the first major online championship of the year, getting the biggest slice of the \$2,711,205 prize pool. The player from Switzerland, who was also the [runner-up in TCOOP-11 winning \\$29,220](#), finished the series with a total of seven cashes and a sixth-place position on the TCOOP Leader Board. Alt has also previously chopped a Sunday Million in 2014 and was the Australia New Zealand Poker Tour Sydney Main Event winner in 2013.

TCOOP-49: \$700 NLHE Main Event

Entrants: 4,077

Prize pool: \$2,711,205

Places paid: 540

	Player	Results
1	NastyMinder (Switzerland)	\$396,691.43*
2	KungKroon (Sweden)	\$346,181.46*
3	gringenkov (Brazil)	\$223,674.41
4	marcasa (Netherlands)	\$155,894.28
5	Makuherra (Finland)	\$115,226.21
6	anthonyff (UK)	\$88,114.16
7	IMFICKLE (Finland)	\$61,002.11
8	RSRMCA (UK)	\$33,890.06
9	Hurloon (Czech Republic)	\$21,689.64

*reflects a two-way deal that left \$40,000 in play for the winner

BIG WINNERS

The final few days of TCOOP threw up a host of other high-profile winners, including Team PokerStars Pro Aditya 'Adi Agarwal' Agarwal, who won the \$215 NLHE Wrap-Up event for \$160,000; Grayson 'gray31' Ramage, who walked away with the \$2,100 NLHE Turbo High Roller title for \$213,867.23 following a four-handed final table deal; and there were second TCOOP titles for 'arxigos', 'buzzard1881' and 'robinho'.

TRIPLE COOP

There was one other player who really stood out, with [Rui 'RuiNF' Ferreira from Czech Republic taking down TCOOP-37](#) – a \$215+R NLHE 6-Max Turbo – for \$81,474 on Friday night to become only the third player (after James 'Andy McLEOD' Obst and Shawn 'buck21' Buchanan) to win the PokerStars Triple COOP (TCOOP, SCOOP, WCOOP titles). Ferreira bested a field of 659 players to add the TCOOP title to the SCOOP Heads-Up High stakes tournament he won in 2014, and the WCOOP victory he secured in a Big Antes event in 2015.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The TCOOP 2016 Leader Board winner was 'ouchbadbeat' from the UK, who achieved 16 cashes – three more than anyone else this series – to finish on 340 points. Australia's 'ugritaly' and Czech Republic's 'Zagalo87' finished tied second on 310 points. For his efforts 'ouchbadbeat' receives a Champion's Trophy and 2015 SCOOP [H] Main Event ticket, with SCOOP tickets of various denominations awarded to players ranked 2nd-100th on the Leader Board.

For comprehensive results and statistics from TCOOP 2016 and all-time TCOOP records, please visit: <http://psta.rs/1mpkeD0>.

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