

## **TEAM POKERSTARS PRO DANIEL NEGREANU BECOMES YOUNGEST MEMBER OF POKER HALL OF FAME**

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – November 10, 2014 – The world’s all-time highest-earning live tournament poker player, Daniel Negreanu, became the 47th – and youngest – member of the Poker Hall of Fame on Sunday, November 9.

An induction ceremony took place at 7.30pm local time in Binion’s Gambling Hall, Las Vegas, on the eve of the WSOP Main Event November Nine final table, with 40-year-old Team PokerStars Pro, Negreanu, voted in by a 20-member media panel and the 21 living Hall of Fame members. Industry veteran Jack McLelland was also inducted as the 48th member.

Shortly after the ceremony, Negreanu, who is Canadian but resides in Las Vegas, said: “There’s something about winning tournaments and player of the year awards that’s fabulous, but when you’re voted for by your peers and recognised by the media and those that are already living members of the Hall of Fame, that’s irreplaceable.”

He added: “I’m in the 40th year of my life, I’m physically and mentally in the best place I’ve ever been, so to top it off with this is extra special. Once you’re in the Hall of Fame they can’t kick you out! It’s the epitome of acknowledgement for what we do.”

### **CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS**

Negreanu is one of the most highly decorated players in the poker world, with nearly \$30 million in live tournament winnings – over \$3 million more than the second highest player – and a string of major championship titles and cashes. Here is a summary of some of his career achievements:

- Youngest member of Poker Hall of Fame
- Number one on the all-time money list
- Six World Series of Poker bracelets, including APAC Main Event winner
- Only two-time WSOP Player of the Year
- Largest cash: \$8,288,001 – \$1m WSOP ‘Big One for One Drop’ (June 2014)
- More than 35 tournament wins and closing in on 250 live tournament cashes
- Six cashes of more than \$1 million – more than any other player
- Two World Poker Tour titles

To watch a short video that was shown at the induction ceremony, check out the

PokerStars YouTube page: <http://psta.rs/1qtDWJa>

The full story of Negreanu's achievement can be read on the PokerStars Blog: <http://psta.rs/10KBiYx>.

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