

## MERCIER SEES DOUBLE IN FIRST THREE DAYS OF SCOOP

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – May 13, 2015 – Team PokerStars Pro Jason Mercier has won two Spring Championship of Online Poker titles in the first three days of the festival on PokerStars, an Amaya Inc. brand.

The American star, who is living in Canada throughout the championship, won the \$2,100 Fixed Limit Badugi contest (SCOOP 05-H) on Monday night for \$39,200, and followed it up yesterday with victory in the \$2,100 No Limit Draw event (SCOOP 08-H) for \$34,400. He has also secured another three cashes and leads the Overall and High Leader Boards at this early stage.

After his latest victory Mercier tweeted: “One scoop two scoop badugi scoop 5card draw scoop...” and followed it up with “This was pretty awesome. As I won the scoop... I go back to supernova status pokerstars :).” It takes Mercier’s career SCOOP titles to three, which is joint fourth on the all-time stats Leader Board.

Here’s the PokerStars Blog report on Mercier’s two wins in two nights: <http://psta.rs/1H3uLL6>.

### TEAM PRO CASHES

A couple of other Team PokerStars Pros have done well in the opening days of SCOOP, with Chris ‘Money800’ Moneymaker finishing fourth in the \$215 Fixed Limit Badugi and Mickey ‘mement\_mori’ Petersen coming third in the \$215 No Limit Draw for \$7,521.

Other well-known players that have secured victories so far include Sorel ‘zangbezan24’ Mizzi, who won the \$2,100 NL Hold’em (SCOOP 03-H) for \$354,960 and now has two SCOOP titles, and Mohsin ‘sms9231’ Charania who won the \$1,050 NL Hold’em [Turbo] (SCOOP 04-H) for \$198,000. A blog interview with Charania after his win can be read here: <http://psta.rs/1IAZwXN>.

Meanwhile, the reigning World Championship of Online Poker Main Event winner, Fedor ‘CrownUpGuy’ Holz, who won \$1.3m last September, is not above playing the Low stakes events in SCOOP, winning the \$27 No Limit Draw last night for \$7k.

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