

MUSTAPHA 'LASAGNAAAMMM' KANIT WINS POKERSTARS SCOOP 2015 HIGH STAKES MAIN EVENT FOR \$1.3M

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – May 26, 2015 – Italian high-stakes pro Mustapha 'lasagnaaamm' Kanit has won the [Spring Championship of Online Poker 2015](#) Main Event 'High' tournament for \$1,304,720, becoming the ninth 'millionaire' winner in the past two months at PokerStars, an Amaya Inc. (TSX: AYA) brand.

Kanit, who played the event from the UK, beat Emil 'Maroonlime' Patel heads-up. Patel added \$950,780 to his bankroll for second place, having already won SCOOP-29-H earlier in the Championship for nearly \$100k.

The Main Event 'High' tournament set a new field and prize record, with 694 players surpassing the previous best of 657 to create a prize pool of \$6,940,000. Kanit's \$1.3m first prize is the sixth largest sum ever won online at PokerStars, and nearly \$200k more than the previous SCOOP record prize, which was awarded to 'toetagu' in 2010. A full PokerStars Blog report can be read here: <http://psta.rs/1J1P9w8>.

Kanit is on a roll. He won his first SCOOP event last year for \$376,920, took down the Full Tilt FTOPS XXVIII Main Event in March this year for \$239,000, and earlier in May won the €50,000 Super High Roller at the EPT Grand Final for €936,500. All the victories came with no deals. Here is the final table result from last night:

SCOOP 45-H: \$10,300 NL Hold'em Main Event

Entrants: 694

Prize pool: \$6,940,000.00

Places paid: 81

1. Mustapha 'lasagnaaamm' Kanit (United Kingdom) \$1,304,720
2. Emil 'Maroonlime' Patel (Finland) \$950,780
3. KumariOy (Russia) \$700,940
4. I am Bobbie (Belarus) \$527,440
5. prrrak4783 (Sweden) \$370,596
6. Christian 'eisenhower1' Jeppsson (Sweden) \$294,950
7. Shaun 'shaundeeb' Deeb (Mexico) \$225,550
8. albeainy (Lebanon) \$156,150
9. hello_totti (Russia) \$104,100

In the 'Medium' Main Event, Tom 'tollgate' Grigg won the \$1,050 NLHE for \$609,206.86

following a heads-up deal with 'Azn1nvas1on' from Canada, while 'apostolis20' took down the 'Low' tournament for \$203,176.89.

POKERSTARS MAKES MILLIONAIRES

Following Kanit's \$1.3m win, nine players (two \$1m Spin & Go's, two Millionaire Finals, four EPT winners, one SCOOP winner) have won a seven-figure prize through the [PokerStars Makes Millionaires](#) promotion, which has now come to an end.

As part of PMM, there was a \$400,000 SCOOP All-in Shootout Deposit Raffle giveaway, which resulted in more than 2,000 tickets to the three SCOOP Main Event tournaments being awarded for free. From those qualifiers a few amazing stories emerged. In the Low tournament, 'sge_fr3ak' final-tabled it to come fourth out of 22,164 players for \$88,656, while 'rUnowjaas' from South Africa won entry into the High tournament and came 75th for \$20,126, but also received an additional \$50,000 as part of the Last Longer competition. A total of 200 players that won tickets went on to cash in the Main Events.

SCOOP 2015 ROUND-UP

The total prize money awarded across the 138 tournaments was \$76,530,051.72 – nearly double the \$40 million guarantee – which was generated from 569,089 entries.

In terms of player achievements, no one could match that of Team PokerStars Pro Jason Mercier this year. The American, who played from Canada, won three events, final-tabled five and cashed 22 times. He won the Overall Leader Board Player of the Year Trophy, along with a PCA 2016 package and \$10,000 in cash.

There were other records broken, too, with Calvin 'cal42688' Anderson becoming the first to win six SCOOP titles, overtaking Shaun Deeb, who has five. The two players are now tied on a record seven 'COOP titles.

Seven players won two SCOOP titles this series: 'dragonwarior', Luke 'lb6121' Schwartz, 'marek_heinz', Nicolas 'niccc' Chouity, Woody 'plplaya' Deck, Victor 'Puropoker123' Lemos and Michael 'SirWatts' Watson.

Other notable winners included: 2014 World Championship of Online Poker Main Event winner Fedor 'CrownUpGuy' Holz, Sorel 'zangbezan24' Mizzi, Mohsin 'sms9231' Charania, James 'Andy McLEOD' Obst, Christopher 'NigDawg' Brammer, Stefan 'mindgamer' Jedlicka, Dzmitry 'Colisea' Urbanovich, Sam 'Str8\$\$\$Homey' Greenwood,

Emil 'Maroonlime' Patel, and Ankush 'pistons87' Mandavia.

2015 STATS

The most amount of cashes was achieved by 'vovtroy', from Russia, who made it into the money 31 times and came second in the Overall Leader Board, while the most successful country was Canada with 21 champions, followed by the UK with 15. Russia had the most amount of cashes, though, with 7,841 (second was UK with 7,003), although that is probably reflected in the fact it had the highest number of entries at 59,386. The UK and Germany were second and third highest with 53,308 and 50,912 respectively.

For a breakdown of all the 2015 stats, and all-time figures, go to <http://psta.rs/1drLPyX>.

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