

POKERSTARS TURBO CHAMPIONSHIP OF ONLINE POKER 2013 SETS NEW MAIN EVENT AND HIGH ROLLER RECORDS

LONDON, UK – JANUARY 28 – PokerStars player 'frma1103' from Sweden became the latest <u>Turbo</u> <u>Championship of Online Poker</u> Main Event champion on Sunday night winning \$326,880. He topped a record field of 5,060 players in the \$700 buy-in event to scoop the life-changing amount, while six other players at the final table also earned six-figure sums as part of a seven-way deal.

Meanwhile, in the \$2,100 NL Hold'em High Roller, which also took place yesterday, 'Jeremiade' from Germany finished first to win \$382,812, which turned out to be the biggest single prize paid out this series.

Record-breakers

Last night's TCOOP Main Event easily surpassed the total number of players and prize pool of last year's tourney, with 5,060 entries and a prize pool of \$3,364,900 versus 3,667 and \$2,438,555 in 2012.

The High Roller event also eclipsed last year's figures by attracting 1,095 players and a prize pool of \$2,190,000, which was way up on the 814 players and prize pool of \$1,628,000 in 2012.

Across the 50 events, TCOOP 2013 awarded \$24,036,531.74 to players, which was far more than the \$15 million guarantee and nearly \$5 million more than TCOOP 2012, which had a prize pool of \$19,704,378.30. The total number of buy-ins for the latest series was 240,321.

Weekend round-up

While the Main Event was inevitably the focus of the final weekend of TCOOP, there were still 10 other events contested, with some huge prize pools on offer. Event 42 saw 8,687 players contest a \$27+R NL Hold'em [2x-Turbo], and it resulted in a third-place finish for Team PokerStars Pro Marcel Luske, who received \$58,510.24 as part of a three-way deal.

In the \$215 Sunday Warm-Up TCOOP Special (event 46), 'BigMeech99' from Sweden emerged the victor to take the top prize of \$161,808.21. Meanwhile, the \$320 8-Game (event 48) almost resulted in the first ever PokerStars Grand Slam (WCOOP, SCOOP, TCOOP, Sunday Million titles) winner, as Andrey 'Kroko-dill' Zaichenko came up just short at the final table, finishing seventh. He'll have to wait until next year to see if he can become the first PokerStars player to take the prestigious honour.

Finally, the TCOOP series wrapped up with a \$215 Supersonic Hyper-Turbo (event 50), which took just two hours and 11 minutes to complete, and was won by 'pierrott77' from the United Arab Emirates, for \$124,077.54. Shaun 'shaundeeb' Deeb finished just shy of the final table in 10th, which meant he missed out on becoming the first player to win the PokerStars 'Triple COOP'.

Player of the Series

The TCOOP 2013 Player of the Series was a close contest with no runaway winner. However, it was 'Tjepan' from Denmark who took the Champion's Trophy and 2014 PCA package with a score of 270 points – just 25 ahead of 'Tinas21' from Norway on 245. 'Tjepan' final-tabled two events and cashed in 12 in total after playing a staggering 46 events. By contrast 'Tinas21' played just 28 events to win her



second-place prize of a 2013 SCOOP event ticket worth \$5,200. Further prizes of SCOOP tickets were awarded to the next 48 players, totalling more than \$7,500.

For more info about the latest TCOOP festival results and statistics, go to <u>www.pokerstars.com/tcoop</u>. To read all the TCOOP reports and an extended round-up, check out the <u>PokerStars Blog</u>.

About PokerStars

PokerStars operates the world's most popular online poker sites, serving a global poker community of more than **50 million registered members**. Since it launched in 2001, PokerStars has become the first choice of the world's top players, with more daily tournaments than anywhere else and with the best security online. More than **90 billion hands** have been dealt on PokerStars.com, which is more than any other site.

PokerStars.com and PokerStars.eu operate globally under licenses from the Isle of Man and Malta governments, respectively. PokerStars also operates under separate government licenses in Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Italy, Spain and Germany.

PokerStars is a member of The Rational Group, which operates gaming-related businesses and brands, including PokerStars, Full Tilt Poker and the European Poker Tour.