

RANDY 'NANONOKO' LEW LEADS BETTING MARKET FOR TEAM PRO ONLINE HEADS-UP CHALLENGE

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – March 3, 2016 – Online poker legend, Randy 'nanonoko' Lew, has been installed as the 12/1 (13.0) favourite to win the Team Pro Online Heads-Up Challenge, which takes place at <u>PokerStars</u>, an Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA) brand, from March 5-6. The market is now live at <u>BetStars</u>.

The Heads-Up Challenge tournament, which is the focal point of <u>Team Pro Online Week</u>, will feature 32 players comprised of the 20 Team Pro Online members and 12 online qualifiers. It will take place March 5-6 from 14.00 ET. The first three rounds of matches (R32, R16, R8) will be best-of-one turbo format, while the following day's semi-finals and final will be best-of-three turbo tournaments.

Team Pro Online member, Randy 'nanonoko' Lew, heads up the field as 12/1 (13.0) favourite, closely followed by Marc-Andre 'FrenchDawg' Ladouceur, Mickey 'mement_mori' Petersen and Jaime 'jaimestaples' Staples, who are all 14/1 (15.0), with many of the online qualifiers available at 50/1. The full bettting market can be viewed here – <u>https://www.betstars.uk/#/poker/outrights</u> – and in the attached images, which also includes a look at the tournament lobby. All prices correct at time of writing. See <u>http://psta.rs/1KmMOce</u> for full terms and conditions.

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The highest-placed online qualifier in the Team Pro Online Heads-Up Challenge will win \$5,000 or, if they go on to finish first, receive a \$10,000 PokerStars and **Monte-Carlo**®Casino European Poker Tour (EPT) Grand Final package. The Team Pros are playing solely for bragging rights.

'BACK THEM'

Players that took part in the \$11 Heads-Up Challenge qualifier on March 1 can win a share of \$5,000 and one of two \$10,000 EPT Grand Final packages by using their 'backing ticket' to predict the winner of the Team Pro Online Heads-Up Challenge. The ticket should be used to register for one of 32 freeroll tournaments – one for each of the participants in the Heads-Up Challenge. The freeroll named after the eventual Heads-Up Challenge winner will take place on March 7 at 14.00 ET with a \$5,000 prize pool and EPT Grand Final packages for the top two players; the other freerolls will be cancelled.

Over the next two days Team Pro Online members will announce on Twitter how players

can get their hands on more than one backing ticket and increase the chances of being a part of the winning freeroll. Players should follow <u>https://twitter.com/psteamonline</u> and Team Pro Online members for the key information.

The Heads-Up Challenge finals will be streamed live on the PokerStars Twitch channel – <u>http://www.twitch.tv/pokerstars</u> – on March 6 from 14.00 ET (19.00 GMT / 20.00 CET).

For more information on the activities during Team Pro Online Week, go to <u>http://psta.rs/20V9rxq</u>.

For further information, please contact: press@pokerstars.com

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