

# Christian Jeppsson Wins Season XVIII WPT® Online Championship on partypoker for \$923,000 Versus Largest Field in WPT History

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The World Poker Tour® has crowned its latest champion in the first-ever WPT® Online Championship on partypoker, won by Christian Jeppsson. The Swedish-born Jeppsson wins \$923,786 and a \$15,000 seat to the Season XVIII WPT Tournament of Champions presented by Baccarat Crystal.

Jeppsson defeated the largest field in WPT Main Tour history, a record-breaking 2,130 entries. The \$3,200 buy-in, \$5 million guaranteed WPT Online Main Event is the first World Poker Tour Main Tour event to take place exclusively online. The final prize pool for the event totalled \$6,390,000, and 312 players finished in the money.

Notable players who placed in the money included four-time WPT Champion Darren Elias, Season XVIII WPT Gardens Poker Championship TV final tablist Chance Kornuth, Season VIII WPT Player of the Year Faraz Jaka, and Season XVII Baccarat Crystal WPT Tournament of Champions winner Ole Schemion.

Jeppsson commented on his huge win by saying, "You feel like you won something more like a sporting event. You have so much adrenaline pumping and then you won. That feeling, I can feel. [The money] is so hard to take in."

The WPT Online Championship is part of the historic WPT Online Series on partypoker, with the series continuing until May 31.

The \$1,050 WPTDeepStacks™ Online event includes a guarantee of \$3 million, and is positioned to be the largest WPTDeepStacks event in history, with a winner to be crowned on May 27.

"The World Poker Tour celebrates another remarkable milestone and congratulates Christian Jeppsson on his achievement of winning the WPT Online Championship," said Adam Pliska, CEO of the World Poker Tour. "The WPT Online Series is continuing to break records and the largest field in 18 seasons of the World Poker Tour is a testament to poker's global popularity and the vibrant online poker economy."

Hermance Blum, WPT VP Europe, added, "WPT thanks partypoker for its partnership and celebrates with them this landmark occasion. Cheers to Christian Jeppsson, who we are excited to see play in the WPT Tournament of Champions presented by Baccarat Crystal."

For more information about the World Poker Tour and the WPT Online Series, visit WPT.com.

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