

## Shawn Schorek Wins MSPT Belle of Baton Rouge, Reports USPokerSite.net

USPokerSite.net covered the MSPT Belle of Baton Rouge Event, which was won by Shawn Schorek.

PHOENIX, AZ, USA, March 1, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Mid-States Poker Tour (MSPT), a Midwestern, deep-stack Texas Hold 'em poker tour, just completed its 39th event last weekend at the Belle of Baton Rouge in Louisiana, USA. In its fifth year, the MSPT caters to poker players with affordable buy-ins and competitive prize pools in the Midwest, "one of the most underrated poker hotbeds in the country," according to event founder and Minnesota Poker Player Alliance State Director Bryan Mileski.

USPokerSite.net reported on the Belle of Baton Rouge event, depicting a detailed play-by-play of the last day of the tournament featuring the first woman in the history of the tour to have the final day chip lead. The story provides insightful verities of the day's results and the dwindling player field that began the final day 36 strong, ultimately leading up to an exciting and unexpected précis of the final table.

The story concludes with a surprise ending, as Shawn Schorek goes heads-up against favored-towin Kou Vang. That's when the plot takes an ironic twist as the final two players go back and forth with the chip lead, all-in pots, and fated hands.

Ultimately, Schorek's final 6-6 would beat Vang's 3-3, dubbing Schorek the winner of the \$34,000 first-place purse and customized, diamond MSPT bracelet. Vang was awarded \$21,000 for his second-place finish, according to USPokerSite.net.

USPokerSite.net spokesperson Jon Ellis, who witnessed the momentous win, reported, "Vang has more than a half a million dollar edge over Schorek in terms of tourney winnings. Everyone, including Vang, thought he [Vang] was a shoe in. Schorek was the obvious underdog. This win is proof that you have to watch out for the underdog sometimes. He can and will take you by surprise, especially at the poker tables."

What made the finish so unpredictable is the fact that family-man Vang, 31, has enjoyed a successful poker career over the past eight years with tournament earnings that have amassed more than \$512,000. Ironically, among Vang's victories is a first-place win at a previous MSPT event in 2011, as well as six other substantial, live tournament wins and nearly 60 additional live event paid tournament finishes.

Then there's Schorek, 36, who has only been successful on the live poker tournament circuit for a little over a year, and has only experienced one other paid tournament finish that took place more than one year ago, for which he won \$4,376 with an impressive 18th-place finish out of a player-base that consisted of 1,670 other players.

"With the World Series of Poker quickly approaching, this may not be the last we see of Schorek this year and in the years to come, as his career is just starting," says Ellis.

The MSPT has made a name for itself, serving Midwestern US players proudly and implementing new heights of interest, making Midwest poker more prestigious and accessible, bringing live circuit events to some of the most popular and classy venues in the region.

Ellis said of the MSPT, "This tour is a great way for players like Schorek to shine. It's small enough to carry the newcomers, but big enough to matter."

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