

Eighteen-Year-Old Canadian Wins EPT German Open

Mike McDonald becomes youngest ever European Poker Tour Winner in Dortmund

The European Poker Tour German Open, held in Casino Hohensyburg, Dortmund, has been won by 18-year-old Canadian Mike "Timex" McDonald, making him the youngest ever victor on the tour. McDonald collected EUR 933,600 for his victory over 410 opponents in the EUR 8,000 buy-in event.

He eliminated five players at the final table en route to his triumph, and declared himself "pretty happy" with the way it all worked out. "Obviously I start all tournaments thinking I could win them or I wouldn't play them. Today was good though – when I had big hands, they gave me their chips."

The former University of Waterloo student beat 26-year-old German Andreas Gülünay heads up with A-K versus 10-7. The Canadian flopped a pair and turned trips and sent Gülünay to the rail to collect EUR 528,500 for second place.

McDonald recently made the final tables of three Aussie Millions events and won a EUR 10,000 seat to the EPT grand final in Monte Carlo from April 12-17, 2008.

The final table payouts for EPT German Open, Dortmund, were:

1. Mike McDonald (Canada) – 933,600
2. Andreas Gülünay (Germany) – 528,500
3. Torsten Haase (Germany) – 307,000
4. Diego Perez Marco (Spain) – 234,200
5. Claudio Rinaldi (Switzerland) – 193,000
6. Johannes Strassmann (Germany) – 152,000
7. Thibaut Durand (France) – 120,200
8. Christian Harder (United States) – 85,500