



Jason Koon Enters The WPT® Big One for One Drop Fray Along with Four Newcomers



Las Vegas, NV (Nov. 16, 2023) – The WPT® Big One for One Drop lineup continues to expand as high-stakes giant Jason Koon has officially joined the \$1 million buy-in event. Alongside Koon, newcomers Aleksejs Ponakovs, Artur Martirosyan, Orpen Kisacikoglu and Santhosh Suvarna have also confirmed entry. This brings the publicly confirmed entries to 13 total.

The iconic Big One for One Drop makes its WPT debut December 18-20 at the 2023 WPT World Championship festival at Wynn Las Vegas and will feature a televised final table. Six percent of each buy-in will directly benefit the One Drop Foundation, continuing their mission of ensuring sustainable access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene for communities facing extreme barriers.

“The Big One is just over one month away, and exceptional entries continue to fill the seats of this one-of-a-kind event,” said WPT CEO Adam Pliska. “Jason is a well-respected member of the high-stakes community. We were honored to hear of his commitment.”

Koon has countless High Roller tournaments under his belt with multiple scores of over \$1 million. The West Virginia native first participated in The Big One for One Drop in 2018 and is now making his second appearance in the massive event this December.

“Our excitement grows each day as more entries come forward,” said Alexandre Meunier, One Drop Foundation’s Chief Marketing and Events Officer. “It is amazing to welcome Aleksejs Ponakovs, Artur Martirosyan, Orpen Kisacikoglu and Santhosh Suvarna as first-time participants in the Big One playing a crucial role in supporting One Drop Foundation’s water mission. The best of luck to all.”

Unlike Koon, the additional four players are all set to make their Big One debuts. All four are regulars in the high-stakes tournament scene. Ponakovs is a professional poker player who ranks #1 on the Latvia All Time Money List. Martirosyan is also a poker pro, ranking #2 on the Russia All Time Money List, while Kisacikoglu hails from the world of business as does Suvarna, who is a Dubai-based entrepreneur. They join Phil Ivey, Rick Saloman, David Einhorn, Talal Shakerchi, Daniel ‘Jungleman’ Cates, Chris Brewer, Nick Petrangelo and Mikita Badziakouski in publicly expressing their intention to play.

For more information on the One Drop Foundation, visit onedrop.org. Any players interested in entering The Big One for One Drop should contact Warren Lush at bigone@onedrop.org.

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