



# 2023 CHAMPION DAVID DOCHERTY

The 2023 Irish Open Main Event – the biggest poker tournament ever held in Ireland, ended Monday evening (April 10) with PokerStars qualifier David Docherty taking home a first prize of €365,000. The €1,150 buy-in Main Event attracted a staggering 2,491 entries, creating a guarantee-busting €2,428,725 prize pool, up 22% up on last year

Docherty, who made the final of EPT London last October, beat Irish man Declan Rice heads-up to take the title, cash prize and coveted Irish Open trophy. His monster cash takes him to fifth place on the Scottish all-time money list – with total live tournament winnings of over \$1 million. He won two Irish Open entries online in PokerStars €109 qualifiers and used both tickets

Declan Rice came second in the event for €228,700. Declan won his seat in the tournament in a live satellite at the RDS venue – a satellite he only entered because he couldn't get a seat in the cash game. It was a decision that led to a life-changing prize of €228,700.

### €1,150 Irish Open Main Event Final Table Winners

Position	Player	Country	Prize
1	David Docherty	UK	€365,000
2	Declan Rice	Ireland	€228,700
3	Panagiotis Mavritsakis	Greece	€161,500
4	Tom Waters	UK	€124,500
5	Andy Black	Ireland	€95,500
6	Eugeniu Barbaros	Moldova	€73,500
7	Carl Shaw	UK	€56,500
8	Henri Ojala	Finland	€43,500

Greek player Panagiotis Mavritsakis was third for €161,500 while Tom Waters, Managing Director of event sponsor Luxon Pay, proved he is no slouch at the poker tables and finished the event in fourth place for €124,500. Irish poker legend Andy Black was out in fifth place for €95,500 – a cash that brings him just a few thousand dollars shy of reaching the #1 spot in Ireland's all-time money list (behind Max Silver). Others who cashed today include Benny Glaser, who won the €5k High Roller earlier in the week, well-known British pro Steve Watts and American Kevin O'Donnell.

Docherty started Day 2 as the chip leader and continued to build his stack to make the final table in third position. He faced Irishman Rice in the heads-up battle.

Rice had held the chip lead for most of the Final Day, including the moment the final table kicked off. But by the time it came to heads-up, it was Docherty who had a massive chip advantage. No deal could be reached, meaning there was all to play for with €136,300 difference between first and second.