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# Press Release

## **Free Poker Network awards \$10,000 Heartland Poker Tour “Dream Package”**

Freeroll held at Stratosphere Poker Room in conjunction with Heartland Poker Tour

**Las Vegas Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 2013:**

Travis Schumaker from Fergus Falls, Minnesota earned a \$10,000 Heartland Poker Tour “Dream Package”, consisting of \$2,000 cash, three (3) Heartland Poker Tour main event buy-ins, and airfare/hotel accommodations in the promotion sponsored by the Free Poker Network. He also received a trophy the size of the Stratosphere to show off back home.



The buy-in: zero (0). Schumaker was one of 94 players from 17 states across the country that had qualified for the freeroll championship tournament playing at participating bars and taverns in weekly free poker tournaments.

Schumaker continued his hot streak into the HPT-Stratosphere main event the very next day, just missing the televised final table. Schumaker was eliminated in 15<sup>th</sup> place for \$7,702.

Quite an experience for Schumaker, 38, who works at a bakery in Fergus Falls, MN (population 17,000 about 180 miles northwest of Minneapolis). This was his first trip to Las Vegas, and his first-ever flight on a plane. He even missed the outbound flight from Grand Forks, ND and had to

rebook a different flight to get to the Stratosphere in time for the FPN championship event. Schumaker stated, "I thought about cancelling the trip after I missed the flight, but glad I didn't."

The bright lights did not phase Schumaker as he entered the HPT Stratosphere main event, where he outlasted the likes of Scotty Nguyen, Hoyt Corkins, Kathy Leibert, Dennis Phillips, Eli Elezra, and many other notable players. It was Schumaker's first-ever tournament cash.

The Free Poker Network organizes free-to-play poker leagues at over 200 participating bars and restaurants across the country with two major promotions per year with approximately 8,000 active players. Since 2005, the Free Poker Network recently surpassed \$1,000,000 in total tournament buy-ins and travel packages awarded to players in freeroll events. Players qualify by earning points at weekly tournaments and playoff events. Players can also qualify online on the Zen gaming network, or even get lucky by scratching off 4-of-a-kind or better in a Scratch Poker card game at participating locations.

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