

MEDIA GUIDE
WORLD SERIES OF POKER
FINAL TABLE

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2010

PENN & TELLER THEATER
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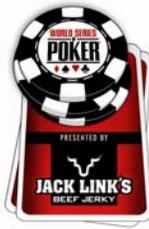
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - WSOP MAIN EVENT FINAL TABLE

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

Thursday, November 4, 2010

- **5:00 PM – 10:00 PM – ESPN Video Shoot with November Nine Players in Voodoo Lounge at Rio. Media welcome.**

Saturday, November 6, 2010 – Play down from 9 to 2 players

- **9:00 AM – Media Credentialing Pick-Up Begins – Outside Penn & Teller Theater – next to Starbucks**
- 9:00 AM – Spectator line forms for general admission first come, first serve seating (seating is free; seating is subject to availability after players' family and friends are accommodated)
- 10:30 AM – November Nine Players Meeting with Tournament Organizers - Mandatory
- 11:00 AM – Friends and Family seating begins; friends and family must be in their seats by 12:30pm or their ticketed seats will be put back in general admission pool
- 11:30 AM – General admission seating opens
- **11:30 AM – Media Credential Pick-Up Ends.**
- 12:00 noon – Player introductions and instructions (Players will be marched one at a time into Penn & Teller)
- 12:10 PM – Shuffle Up and Deal, complete Level 36: 250k-500k w/50k ante (1 hour, 15 minutes, 30 seconds remaining)
- 12:30 PM – General admission seating opens for ticketed “no shows”
- 1:26 PM – Remaining players take 20-minute break
- 1:46 PM – Play resumes with Level 37: 300k-600k w/75k ante
- 3:46 PM – Remaining players take 20-minute break
- 4:06 PM – Play resumes with Level 38: 400k-800k w/100k ante
- 6:06 PM – Dinner break – 90 Minutes
- 7:36 PM – Play resumes for remaining players with Level 39: 500k-1MM w/100k ante

- *9:36 PM – Remaining players take 20-minute break
- *9:56 PM – Play resumes with Level 40: 600k-1.2MM w/200k ante
- *11:56 PM – Remaining players take 20-minute break
- *12:16 AM – Play resumes with Level 41: 800k-1.6MM w/200k ante
- *2:16 AM – Remaining players take 20-minute break
- *2:36 AM – Play resumes with Level 42: 1MM-2MM w/300k ante

*If necessary. Play ends for the day when only 2 players remain.

Sunday, November 7, 2010 – No Table Play

- ***1:00 PM – Press Conference for final 2 players; Masquerade Stage in Masquerade Village @Rio – All Media Welcome***

Monday, November 8, 2010 – Heads Up Play Until A Champion Is Crowned

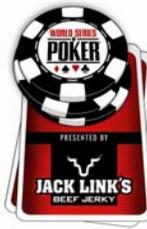
- 6:00 PM – Spectator line forms for general admission first come, first serve seating (seating is free; seating is subject to availability after players' family and friends are accommodated)
- 6:30 PM – Friends and Family seating begins; friends and family must be in their seats by 8:30 or their ticketed seats will be put back in general admission pool
- 7:00 PM – General admission seating opens
- ***7:30 PM - HOF Ceremony, Stage, Penn & Teller Theater. Induction of Erik Seidel & Dan Harrington as 2010 Class of Poker Hall of Fame. All media welcome, including video.***
- 7:45 PM – Final 2 players arrive at Penn & Teller Theater
- 8:00 PM – Player introductions and instructions
- 8:10 PM – Shuffle Up and Deal; pick up where play ended on Saturday, play continues until there is a winner. 20-minute breaks at the end of each level.
- During Final Hand of Play: Media may not rush the stage, but will be permitted to move to front of orchestra section to view and capture reaction. Note: Confetti, etc., will be utilized as part of show.
- 20-minutes following the end of play: Interviews with winner and runner-up in Lobby.

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 – ESPN Telecast

- 6:30-9:30 PM – Final Table Viewing Party @Rio. Limited media seating is available. Contact Seth.

Important Notes for Media Covering WSOP Main Event Final Table

- Credentials can be picked-up on Saturday, November 6 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM ONLY. Pick-up location is in front of Penn & Teller Theater, next to Starbucks.
- All seating for media has been allocated. If you have requested credentials, but cannot make it, please contact Seth Palansky at spalansky@harrahs.com and let this be known so we can assign your seat to some one on the media waiting list.
- A press conference for the final two players will be held Sunday, November 7 at 1:00 PM on the Masquerade Stage at the Rio.
- Bust-out interviews will take place with players 10 minutes after they are eliminated from the tournament.
- All bust-out interviews will take place in the Lobby of the Penn & Teller Theater and are open to all media, who should make their own way to this area following each bust-out.
- Video is permitted to be shot of bust-out interviews.
- Video crews will need a staff escort to shoot video inside Penn & Teller Theater and they will be limited to a total of 5 minutes of b-roll per day. This footage may not include hand-for-hand play.
- No flash photography is allowed on the stage where the final table is being contested.
- Limited flash photography will be allowed when shooting the crowds/audience.
- Still photographers should bring appropriate lenses to shoot from long distances.
- Access to the stage where the final table is being contested is reserved only for those credential-holders granted access in advance. Anyone found on the stage with a credential not authorizing stage access, will have his or her credential revoked.
- Web-based media may only provide updates to their website once per hour. This includes chip counts and live updates.
- No live-hand-for-hand coverage is permitted in any medium. (Applies to real-time only)
- ESPN3 will stream both Saturday and Monday's coverage, without hole-cards. Any outlets found re-streaming or shooting any table play video will lose access rights to future WSOP events.
- Any matters requiring special attention, please contact Seth Palansky (spalansky@harrahs.com) or Dave Curley (dcurley@hillmanpr.com)



2010 WSOP MAIN EVENT – FINAL TABLE FACT SHEET

WHO:

Player Name	Age	Town	Chip Count
FILIPPO CANDIO	26	Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy	16,400,000
JOSEPH CHEONG	24	La Mirada, California, USA	23,525,000
JOHN DOLAN	24	Bonita Springs, Florida, USA	46,250,000
JONATHAN DUHAMEL	23	Boucherville, Quebec, Canada	65,975,000
MATTHEW JARVIS	26	Surrey, British Columbia, Canada	16,700,000
MICHAEL MIZRACHI	29	Miami, Florida, USA	14,450,000
CUONG "SOI" NGUYEN	37	Santa Ana, California, USA	9,650,000
JOHN RACENER	24	Port Richey, Florida, USA	19,050,000
JASON SENTI	26	St. Louis Park, Minnesota, USA	7,625,000

WHAT: The conclusion of poker's richest and most prestigious poker tournament, the 41st annual *World Series of Poker Presented by Jack Link's Beef Jerky*. Featuring the November Nine – the final nine players of 7,319 participants in the \$10,000 No-Limit Texas Hold'em World Championship. These nine players are vying for the most coveted prize in poker – the WSOP Championship Bracelet and the winner's prize of \$8,944,310.

WHERE: The Penn & Teller Theater at the Rio® All-Suite Hotel and Casino.

WHEN: Saturday, November 6th at 12 noon - *From nine players down to two.*
Monday, November 8th at 8:00 PM - *The final two players face off*

ESPN will carry coverage of the final table on Tuesday, November 9th at 10:00 PM ET/7:00 PM PT.

PRIZE: The final nine will play for a total of \$29,033,096. The payout schedule is as follows:

1st Place: \$8,944,310	4th Place: \$3,092,545	7th Place: \$1,356,720
2nd Place: \$5,545,955	5th Place: \$2,332,992	8th Place: \$1,045,743
3rd Place: \$4,130,049	6th Place: \$1,772,959	9th Place: \$811,823

The Main Event total prize pool in 2010 is \$68,799,059. A total of 747 players cashed in the event; payout for 747th place was \$19,263.

UPON RETURN: The event resumes with 1 hour, 14 minutes, 46 seconds left in Level 36, with antes 50,000 and blinds at 250,000 and 500,000.

2010 WSOP: The 2010 World Series of Poker attracted a record 72,966 entrants from 117 different nations competing for \$187,109,850 over the 57-event, 50- day extravaganza.

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WHERE WE ARE...AND WHERE WE LEFT OFF

CURRENT BLINDS/STRUCTURES, ETC.

The 2010 World Series of Poker \$10,000 World Championship No Limit Hold'em (Main Event) reached nine players in the early morning of Sunday, July 18, 2010 at 5:40 a.m. when **Brandon Steven** went all-in and **Matthew Jarvis** made the call pre-flop, 5 hours and 45 minutes after we lost the 11th place finisher. Steven held Ace-King and Jarvis had pocket Queens. A 4-3-10 flop, followed by another 4 and then a 5 were no help to Steven and he was eliminated in 10th place with a nice \$635,011 payday.

After a 110-day break, here we are with the November Nine vying for the remaining prize pool of \$21,726,689 with first place set to collect \$8,944,310. Each player was paid 9th place prize money on July 19, therefore only the top eight finishers will collect more prize money.

When play resumes on Saturday, November 6 at 12:00 noon PT, here is where it will pick up:

Level:	36
Blinds:	250,000-500,000
Antes:	50,000
Time left in level 36:	1 hour, 14 minutes, 46 seconds
Button:	Cuong "Soi" Nguyen
Big Blind:	Joseph Cheong
Small Blind:	Jason Senti

Seat assignments/starting chip counts:

1	Jason Senti	7,625,000
2	Joseph Cheong	23,525,000
3	John Dolan	46,250,000
4	Jonathan Duhamel	65,975,000
5	Michael Mizrachi	14,450,000
6	Matthew Jarvis	16,700,000
7	John Racener	19,050,000
8	Filippo Candio	16,400,000
9	Cuong "Soi" Nguyen	9,650,000

Level 37 will feature blinds at 300,000-600,000 with a 75,000 ante.

Chip Denominations: There are currently 4 different chip denominations in use: 5,000, 25,000, 100,000 and 250,000. A 500,000 chip is also expected to be used during the final table.

Levels are 2 hours in length. Breaks are 20 minutes in length. Play will continue until we reach two players. Heads up play commences on Monday, November 8 at 8 p.m. and plays to a winner.



**Final Table Event #57: Main Event
\$10,000 No Limit Hold'em World Championship
41st Annual World Series of Poker**



Payouts

1. \$8,944,310
2. \$5,545,955
3. \$4,130,049
4. \$3,092,545
5. \$2,332,992
6. \$1,772,959
7. \$1,356,720
8. \$1,045,743
9. \$811,823

Total Prize Pool: \$29,033,096

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UPDATED PAYOUTS

On July 19, 2010 the nine remaining players each were paid ninth place prize money (\$811,823) from the initial \$29,032,637 that was slotted for the first nine places in the tournament. The remaining amount (\$21,726,230) for spots 1-8 were placed into Goldman Sachs fund FTIXX on July 20, 2010. The fund's objective seeks to maximize current income to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital and the maintenance of liquidity. That \$21,726,230 accrued \$459 in interest, which when added to the prize pool will pay out the following:

1st Place	\$8,944,310
2 nd Place	\$5,545,955
3 rd Place	\$4,130,049
4 th Place	\$3,092,545
5 th Place	\$2,332,992
6 th Place	\$1,772,959
7 th Place	\$1,356,720
8 th Place	\$1,045,743
Total	\$28,221,273

- Note \$7,306,407 was paid out already (9 places x \$811,823)
- Updated Total Prize Pool for this Final Table = \$29,033,096
- Updated Total Prize Pool for 2010 WSOP Main Event = \$68,799,059

Computing the Math

Below shows the original figures and the added interest dollar amounts and payout percentages to achieve the above revised payouts.

	Original Amount	Added Interest	Percentage
1 st Place	\$8,944,138	\$172	37.43%
2 nd Place	\$5,545,855	\$100	21.79%
3 rd Place	\$4,129,979	\$70	15.27%
4 th Place	\$3,092,497	\$48	10.50%
5 th Place	\$2,332,960	\$32	7.00%
6 th Place	\$1,772,939	\$20	4.42%
7 th Place	\$1,356,708	\$12	2.51%
8 th Place	\$1,045,738	\$5	1.08%
9 th Place	\$811,823	No change	\$0

Worth Noting

- Since each of the nine players received ninth place money, the person who finishes in ninth place will receive no additional cash.
- The Main Event paid out 747 places and each of those places was slotted a percentage of the prize pool totaling 100%. When redistributing the interest, 739 of the 747 slots were removed, with the percentages redistributed amongst the top eight places in a sliding scale percentage consistent with the original payout structure.
- The \$21,726,230 was put into the Goldman Sachs TR FINL SQUARE TREAS INSTRS FD INSTL CL MONTHLY DIVIDEND on July 20, 2010 and removed on Thursday, October 28, 2010.

A NUMBERS GAME – 2010 WSOP MAIN EVENT

- 7,319 # of players who entered
- 747 # of players who cashed
- \$68,799,059 Total Prize Pool
- \$29,033,096 Total Prize Pool left for remaining 9 players
- \$92,100.48 Average payout for those who cashed
- \$8,944,310 1st Place Prize (+ Gold Bracelet)
- \$811,823 Amount each of the 9 have been paid already (9th place)
- \$3,225,899 Average amount the final 9 players will win
- 92 # of countries who participated in Main Event this year
- 37 ¼ Average age of entrants
- 26 ¼ Average age of Final Table participants
- 36 Level in which play will resume for the final 9 players
- 40 Level in which Joe Cada won the 2009 Main Event
- 110 Days in between play (from July 18 to November 6)
- 50,000 Ante each player is forced to bet each hand upon resumption
- 250,000 What the small blind forced bet will be
- 500,000 What the big blind forced bet will be
- 23 Age of Jonathan Duhamel, the youngest player left
- 37 Age of Soi Nguyen, the oldest player left
- 8 # of players who are under 30 years old
- 4,973 # of entrants from USA in this year's Main Event (68%)
- 6 # of remaining players from USA (66.66%)
- 81 # of entrants from Italy in this year's Main Event (1.1%)
- 1 # of remaining players from Italy (11.1%)
- 482 # of entrants from Canada in this year's Main Event (6.5%)
- 2 # of remaining players from Canada (22.2%)
- 4 # of players past 10 years who started & finished final table in 1st
Chris Ferguson (2000); Chris Moneymaker (2003); Grey Raymer (2004); Jamie Gold (2006)
- 1 # of players past decade who started 1st but finished 9th (Philip Hilm, 2007)
- 3.6 Average finish of chip leader entering the final table

MEET THE NOVEMBER NINE: JASON SENTI

Seat 1: Hometown: St. Louis Park, MN (USA) Chip Count: 7,625,000 (Last in chips)

Senti is 26 years-old. Senti is pronounced Cent-eye. Senti was born and grew up in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Senti attended and graduated from the University of North Dakota. He earned a degree in engineering.

Senti spent six months backpacking around Europe when he was 19-years-old.

Senti lives in St. Louis Park, MN, which is in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Senti is a professional poker player. Prior to playing, he was an electrical engineer for three years.

Senti is married with no children. This is the third year Senti has attended the WSOP.

Senti has one previous WSOP in-the-money finish. He made it to the third round of the \$10,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em Heads-Up Championship (Event #29). His finish paid \$17,987.

Below is a brief Q&A with Senti, taken just hours after he made it to the November Nine.

Question: Talk about making the transition from previously working as an engineer to playing poker for a living.

Senti: It was a big leap. First thing I did was, I set myself up with six months of expenses. I put some living expenses away and then set up a separate account for my poker bankroll. Then, I went for it. I was very fortunate to run really well during the first couple of months. I have not had to look back since.

Question: What did your wife (fiancé at the time) think of your decision?

Senti: She trusted me to do whatever I wanted. She totally believes in me all the way. She knows that if I think I can do something, and I am confident about it, then everything will be okay. I am inherently a pretty responsible guy.

Question: Discuss making the transition from playing poker online to playing live.

Senti: It was never that big of a deal for me. The biggest difference is, it take a lot longer to get reads on your opponents. With playing tendencies, you can learn much quicker playing online. In live games, you can make some assumptions about how they play, but there are so many fewer hands. At first, I was a bit nervous. I thought I would get read easily by the big scary pros. But now, I really do not think that is as big a deal. For anyone who is thinking of getting into this, I would just say, play live poker and try to feel comfortable at the table.

Question: What were your expectations coming into this year's WSOP?

Senti: This was the third year I have come to the World Series of Poker. To be honest, this year my expectations were much lower. I told myself, I do not want to come out here this summer and grind it for six-weeks and spend \$60,000 or \$70,000 on events -- being well aware that the majority of time I am going to come out behind (financially). The reason you play tournaments is for big scores. It's a very high variance game. So, my expectation coming in this summer was to play three events – the \$5,000 Pot-Limit Omaha, the \$10,000 Pot-Limit Omaha, and the Main Event. I expected to walk away having spent \$25,000 in those three events, and not cashing. But, I decided to come out and try my best and also to see a lot of people that I do not get a chance to see but once a year, and hang out and have a good time. Of course, it turned out a lot better than that.

Question: What were the moments of exhilaration for you so far in the Main Event?

Senti: Most of those were the big, all-in moments. One of my favorite moments happened when we were on the bubble of 18 players, going from three tables down to two. There was both a pay jump and some more prestige making the final two tables. There was a hand I won with pocket queens that was a real fist-pump moment. I had just gone to 17 million in chips and we were down to 18 players, and I was thinking, 'Now, it's getting close. Now, I have just nine more guys to get through, and I have a stack.' It didn't exactly go exactly the way I wanted it to (being lower on chips now), but hey – I made the final nine.

Question: What if a genie were to pop out of a bottle and make you an offer. Right now, the genie offers you second place. You get \$5.5 million as the runner up. You get plenty of face time on television. But, you do not get the win. Would you take the deal?

Senti: I'd take it. I know that's not the answer that I am supposed to give. From an expected value standpoint, that's too good a deal to pass up. I'm short stacked. I really want to win, don't get me wrong. I really, really, really want to win. But if this hypothetical situation came up where I would be guaranteed six times the amount of money I have right now, I have to take it. If nothing else, one thing that puts it into perspective for me is – for me personally, I would love to have the title. But I also think that the extra few million dollars (taking the guarantee) is a really big deal. It's a big deal to my parents, since maybe I could help them retire. It's a big deal to my family, and friends, and charity. It's a big deal to my kids, whenever we have them, to be able to send them to private school and college. So, if I have to pick between money and the extra glory of winning, I would take the money.

MEET THE NOVEMBER NINE: JOSEPH CHEONG

Seat 2 Hometown: La Mirada, California Chip Count: 23,525,000 (3rd overall)

Cheong turned 24 in June. Cheong was born in Seoul, South Korea. He immigrated to the United States with his parents at the age of six.

Cheong attended the University of California at San Diego (UCSD). Last year, he graduated with a degree in psychology. Cheong now lives in La Mirada, CA. But he also has a temporary apartment in Las Vegas. He plans to spend more time in Las Vegas in the months ahead.

Cheong won a WSOP Circuit gold ring at Harrah's Rincon (San Diego) in April. He pocketed \$17,541 for first place. This marks Cheong's third time to cash at the WSOP in Las Vegas.

Cheong entered 19 tournaments this year. He cashed in two events – taking 24th and 29th place in two Six-Handed No-Limit Hold'em tournaments.

Below is a brief Q&A with Cheong, taken just hours after he made it to the November Nine.

Question: What's happened the last two days?

Cheong: I was one of the chip leaders a few days ago. Then, I started the next day off really badly. I dropped 3.7 million within the first 30 minutes of play. Then, I had a big hand against Soi (Nguyen) where he doubled me up, and I felt great again....after that hand, Soi was down to 2 million. So, it is amazing that he has made such a comeback.

Question: What was it like to play on Day Eight, when players went from 27 to 9?

Cheong: Actually, yesterday (Day Eight) went really bad for me. But I was still excited because the pay jumps increased and I kept on going deeper. Once we got to ten-handed, which was the bubble for the final nine, I really liked my chances. I was really excited to make it.

Question: Is there any sense of relief in making the November Nine?

Cheong: The final table at ten-handed was like a reverse satellite. We had ten players and needed to bust only one. I can't believe it took nearly six hours. It was a big relief when it ended. There is so much equity in making it to the final nine.

Question: Are you excited about what's to come in the next three months?

Cheong: I already have more than 200 text messages. I have not even checked my e-mail. I can only imagine what is going to come after all this airs on TV. It hasn't even aired yet. Maybe I will pull a Darwin Moon and go off into the woods somewhere and just stay away. But what I will really do is probably just play more poker around the country and travel some. I might go over to WSOP Europe and play there. I now have the bankroll to pretty much do what I want as far as playing goes. I think I will play more. Some people like to get away, but this is what I like to do, so I expect to be out there a lot at the tournaments.

Question: Looking at this group of eight opponents, what is the thing that concerns you most?

Cheong: The entire table is experienced. They are all good players. I guess if I had to say what is my biggest concern, it would be both John Dolan and Jonathan Duhamel. They both have big stacks and they are very experienced online players. The other players I really do not know too well. They seem to be decent and good players.

Question: What if a genie were to pop out of a bottle and make you an offer. The genie offers you second place. You get plenty of face time on television. Would you take the deal?

Cheong: Wow, that's tough. It's probably closer to taking second place. If I was the chip leader, I would probably feel different and want to play it out. But I have one-third of the chip leader's stack. They are also great players at this final table, which means I do not have as much of an edge as I would in an open event. So, I lean towards accepting the deal. But, it's close.

MEET THE NOVEMBER NINE: JOHN DOLAN

SEAT 3: Hometown: Bonita Springs, FL (USA) Chip Count: 46,250,000 (2nd overall)

Dolan turned 24 in January. Dolan was born in New Jersey. But he grew up in Florida. John is a junior. His dad is John Dolan, Sr. His mother's name is Kathy.

Dolan played football and baseball in high school. He was a shortstop at Bishop Verot High School as well as the quarterback on the football team.

Dolan was a student at Florida State University for almost two years. He was studying business. But he left school because he was uncertain about a career path. Dolan considered returning to school and finishing his degree, and still may do so. John's younger brother Jason is a medical student at FSU, and his younger sister Jessica is a freshman at FSU.

Dolan is a professional poker player. Dolan is single. Dolan began playing poker for fun with friends after graduating from high school. He then played some in some of the low-limit games at casinos in South Florida. Dolan played a bit of poker while in college and then started to really take the game seriously when he discovered his ability to beat the game as an online player.

Dolan won a tournament at last year's Bayou Winter Poker Challenge, at Harrah's New Orleans, which is classified as a WSOP Satellite event. He won the \$1,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em event and collected \$31,874.

Dolan's overall career tournament earnings total more than \$200,000, not counting his finish in this year's Main Event.

Dolan credits Brian Hawkins (a.k.a. "Snowman") with helping him improve his game. Dolan cashed in the WSOP Casino Employees Championship back in 2007. He finished 91st. This marks Dolan's sixth time to cash at the WSOP, and third in-the-money finish this year.

Dolan admits he has endured a few rough years at the WSOP prior to this showing. He went through a 20-tournament stretch over two years where he did not cash one time.

Below is a brief Q&A with Dolan, taken just hours after he made it to the November Nine.

Question: What were your expectations coming into this year's WSOP?

Dolan: I really wanted to finally final table something. This was my third year of playing. The first year, I did not cash one event. I was like zero for 13. It was the worst summer imaginable. Last year, I cashed in two events. But I had no deep runs. This year, I came and I started out zero for 7. Everything at the World Series had been terrible. I did decently at some other tournaments. But I had miserable experiences at the World Series – up to this point.

Question: What helped you to turn things around?

Dolan: Like I said, I was 0 for 7 this year, and then I bubbled the 5K. I finished like 74th and they only paid 72. I was ready to go nuts. And then, in the \$1,500 buy-in (No-Limit Hold'em) tournament I got 32nd. But I was the chip leader with 40 left. So, that was miserable. The next tournament was a \$1K and I final tabled that event, finally. I got sixth. So, I entered the Main Event and it looks like I have gone on a heater to end the summer.

Question: When you go through a slump, do you think about changing strategy or get to the point where you want to give up?

Dolan: I did change some things. I realize that in live (versus online) you can make some bigger folds that you would not do so much online. There is a player named Tyler Smith who really helped me out. He talked to me about the slight differences between live and online. That helped me, I think.

Question: Let's talk about the lead up to the final nine. You played from 27 down to 9. Tell us about that experience.

Dolan: It's one of those things that you want to get there to the end. But you also want it to be over. I did try to take it all in when I was sitting there at the feature table (televised by ESPN). But honestly, I wanted it to be over and be down to the final nine, so long as I was one of the nine.

Question: It took about six hours to play from ten players down to nine. That gave each of you a fair amount of experience now playing together. Each of you knows the other, at least a little bit. How might that change what happens in November?

Dolan: Actually, I think I learned more about the players when we were six-handed and seven-handed at various stages, rather than when we were at the final ten. That's because people played extremely tight when we were at the final ten. I doubt that we will see play that tight in November. I mean, making the final nine is so huge for so many reasons, even outside of the money. There are a lot of other things that go along with that.

Question: What if a genie were to pop out of a bottle and make you an offer. The genie offers you second place. You get \$5.5 million as the runner up. You get plenty of face time on television. But, you do not get the win. Would you take the deal?

Dolan: Yes.

MEET THE NOVEMBER NINE: JONATHAN DUHAMEL

SEAT 4 Hometown: Boucherville, Quebec (Canada) Chip Count: 65,975,000 (1st overall)

Duhamel is 23 years-old and is the youngest player remaining. Duhamel was born in Boucherville, Quebec (Canada).

Duhamel still lives in Boucherville, Quebec – which is in the Montreal area. Duhamel lives in a condominium.

Duhamel is pronounced “Doo-ahh-mel.” Duhamel is fluent in both English and French languages. Duhamel is a professional poker player. He mostly plays online.

Duhamel has been playing full-time for about two years. Before he transitioned successfully to poker playing, he worked off and on at a series of what he called “bad jobs”. Among those jobs was working in a factory.

Duhamel attended college at Universite du Quebec a Montreal, otherwise known as UQUAM. He majored in finance, but left school during his second year of studies.

Duhamel prefers to play cash games, rather than tournaments. Duhamel had two cashes at this year’s WSOP. He finished 15th in the \$2,500 buy-in No-Limit Hold’em tournament (Event #56). He also cashed in 50th place in the Six-Handed No-Limit Hold’em tournament (Event #16). His combined WSOP earnings prior to this event amounted to \$43,000. His best live tournament finish in a major tournament was 9th place at a tournament held in New York State, three years ago.

Below is a brief Q&A with Duhamel, taken just hours after he made it to the November Nine.

Question: You have stated you play mostly cash games. How do you adjust your approach when playing in tournaments?

Duhamel: It’s a little bit different, but not that much different. It’s the same in that you have to play the situation. The thing about this, the Main Event is – the structure is so good, it almost plays like a cash game. In other tournaments you are not that deep in terms of how many big blinds you have. The Main Event is structured so good that I have like 100 big blinds. So, that is more like a cash game situation. But the difference is keeping the focus. There is a lot going on. Plus, I am not used to playing 12 hours in a row. I am used to playing multiple tables (online). So, playing just one table is different. I am used to seeing 500 hands an hour, instead of just one table where it’s like 25 hands an hour. That’s a big difference.

Question: You come into the final table as chip leader. Does that add any pressure to you situation?

Duhamel: I think it’s a good thing. I try not to put pressure on myself. I have a big stack, and we’ll see what happens from there. The more chips I have, the happier I am. So, is that pressure? Well, if so – I’m happy about that (laughing).

Question: When did you first realize you can make it as a professional poker player? Many people, especially young people, think they can beat the game. When did you realize you can actually do this for a living?

Duhamel: Well, I thought about it for a very long time. I actually tried it out a few times before succeeding. I tried it once and quit my job. I went broke, so I had to go back and get another job. I was doing very badly when I first started out. But then, I reviewed my game and studied and learned a lot more and became better. Then, I went back and tried it again and it was successful for me.

Question: If you win the Main Event, you will become the first Canadian world poker champion in history, and more specifically the first champion from Quebec. Do you take special pride in that?

Duhamel: Yes, for sure.

Question: What if a genie were to pop out of a bottle and make you an offer. The genie offers you second place. You get \$5.5 million as the runner up. You get plenty of face time on television. But, you do not get the win. Would you take the deal?

Duhamel: I would take it. I am realistic. Second place is very good. The thing is, it’s a very tough table. There are many good players. It’s going to be tough to win, even if I have the chip lead. Even if I play well, I have to catch good cards. I’m playing to win, but I can’t pass on that.

Question: Looking at the final table, and the other eight players, what concerns you the most?

Duhamel: Everybody is playing very well and everybody has a solid game. If you make even one mistake, it is going to cost you and you will lose chips. You have to be focused and be ready and play the best poker you can – and that’s what I’m going to do.

Question: How many people from Quebec do you expect to bring with you to the November Nine?

Duhamel: We will have a lot of people. We are going to make a lot of noise, that’s for sure.

Question: You are already guaranteed more than \$800,000 and based on your chip status, you should make well over a million dollars. Have you thought what you might do with the prize money?

Duhamel: For me, no. I am not going to go out and buy anything. Maybe a few things for friends and family. But I’m not buying anything for myself, at least for now.

MEET THE NOVEMBER NINE: MICHAEL “THE GRINDER” MIZRACHI

SEAT 5 Hometown: Miami, FL (USA) Chip Count: 14,450,000 (7th in chips)

Mizrachi turned 29 in January. Mizrachi was born in North Miami Beach, Florida. Mizrachi now lives in Miramar, FL – which is north of Miami. Mizrachi’s father immigrated to the United States from Iraq. He and many members of his family are fluent in Hebrew. “Mizrachi” means “east” in Hebrew. The term is often used in reference to Jewish people from Iraq and Syria.

Mizrachi is a professional poker player. He has been playing full-time since 2004. Prior to playing poker, Mizrachi was a college student. He was studying to become a doctor, but decided instead to pursue a poker career. All four Mizrachi Brothers – Michael, Robert, Danny, and Eric – cashed in this year’s Main Event. This was a WSOP first.

Mizrachi is married. He has three children. Mizrachi won his first WSOP gold bracelet earlier this year in the ultra-prestigious Poker Players Championship (Event #2) that had a \$50,000 entry fee. He collected \$1,559,046 in addition to the Chip Reese Memorial Trophy. Prior to his win in Event 2, Mizrachi had won just about every title in poker except a WSOP gold bracelet.

Mizrachi was Card Player Magazine’s “Player of the Year” in 2006. Mizrachi’s first recorded tournament cash took place in March, 2004. According to official records – not including this Main Event -- Mizrachi now has 23 cashes, six final table appearances, and one win. His career WSOP earnings now total \$2,271,327.

Mizrachi is called “the Grinder” due to his never-give-up mentality. He plays a short stack as well as anyone in the game. However, Mizrachi certainly does not fit the mold of the traditional poker grinder. The term is usually meant to describe a tight player. Mizrachi is actually one of the most aggressive and unpredictable tournament pros. Other members of the immediate Mizrachi family have adopted the “Grinder” moniker. He is married to Mrs. Grinder. His mother is known as Mama Grinder. His children each have been called Baby Grinder at various times.

Mizrachi is the younger brother of fellow tournament pro Robert Mizrachi, a former WSOP gold bracelet winner. In fact, Robert was the first member of the family to earn a WSOP victory. Two of the Mizrachi brothers (Michael and Robert) reached the final table in the Poker Players Championship. It was only the third time in WSOP history that two close family members had made it together to a final table. They become the highest-finishing family duo in history, eclipsing the 1995 feat by brother-sister combo Annie Duke (6th) and Howard Lederer (9th) in a Pot-Limit Hold’em event. The other duo to make a final table was brothers Ross Boatman and Barney Boatman in the 2002 Pot Limit Omaha competition. The only other brothers to both hold WSOP gold bracelets are Grant Hinkle and Blair Hinkle, from the Kansas City, MO area.

Mizrachi remains very much in contention for the 2010 WSOP Player of the Year title. He must win the Main Event in order to tie Frank Kassela for first place. If both players tie, they will be co-WSOP Players of the Year. With this guaranteed in-the-money finish, Mizrachi has earned more than \$10,000,000 overall in worldwide poker tournaments.

Below is a brief Q&A with Mizrachi, taken just hours after he made it to the November Nine.

Question: Each November Nine has developed into something like a fraternity the last few years. This comes from sharing a common experience. But you stand apart from the others given that you have been so successful in live poker tournaments. Does that make you different from the eight others who made it?

Mizrachi: I’m going to take advantage of the situation. The cameras and spotlight can affect everyone’s play. And experience is what pays off for me. All these other guys get a hold of big stacks. But I just sit there with a smaller stack and grind it out. I knew that if I could just focus, I would get to the final table. I know that if I got this far, I always seem to do great. Just like in the Poker Players Championship. I never give up. I play hard and try to minimize my mistakes and make the right decisions.

Question: What about the recent past. The “big name” has not fared so well at the Main Event final table – such as Phil Ivey, Lee Watkinson, Allen Cunningham, Dan Harrington, and so forth. None of them won. Do you agree this is a similar situation?

Mizrachi: There’s no pressure on me really. I’m just happy with the way things went up to this point. In a sense, if you make the November Nine, you have won the tournament already. When it was ten-handed it was like a single-table satellite. But instead, there were nine winners and one loser. Everyone was just folding away and I started folding a lot too, once I reached a good chip position. I blinded off 3 million in chips, but I never had a hand....I am the Phil Ivey of this year. But there won’t be any pressure. I am just going to play my game. I am going to have fun and enjoy myself at the final table. I’m going to approach it just like another tournament, just like it was a \$500 buy-in. I’m going to enjoy it. When you least expect it, that’s when you win. You just have to be confident in yourself and never give up.

Question: Could you have even dreamed of a scenario where you would win the Poker Players Championship and also make the November Nine?

Mizrachi: No one knows how good of a poker player I am. Only I know how good I am. And Rob (brother) knows how good I am. We know each other well, how good we play. Thank God we have a great family and everyone is so supportive of us. It always helps out. I knew I would do well if I just stayed focused. It wasn’t so much motivation for me to do well, but it made a good story. I had some bad press in the beginning....No one picked me (to win) the Poker Players Championship. So, I used that as extra motivation. I knew I would do well here at the WSOP. I came here really focused.

Question: You’ve had some great moments in the game. You’ve also gone through some cold streaks. Do you still enjoy it?

Mizrachi: If it was just a job, I do not think I would do it. It has to be something I enjoy doing. This is my career. You have to have the passion and love for the game and enjoy yourself. But, it’s a crazy way to bring food to the table.

Question: What if a genie were to pop out of a bottle and make you an offer. The genie offers you second place. You get \$5.5 million as the runner up. You get plenty of face time on television. But, you do not get the win. Would you take the deal?

Mizrachi: Do I take the five-and-a-half million? If I wanted to lie to you, I would say no. But I definitely would take it.

MEET THE NOVEMBER NINE: MATTHEW JARVIS

SEAT 6 Hometown: Surrey, British Columbia (Canada) Chip Count: 16,700,000 (5th in chips)

Jarvis turned 26 in September. Jarvis was born in Richmond, British Columbia (Canada). Jarvis now lives in Surrey, BC – which is in the Vancouver area.

Jarvis' father Norm was a professional golfer and recently competed on the Champions Tour. Jarvis' dad was diagnosed with cancer, shortly before the 2010 WSOP. Jarvis was not going to come to this year's WSOP as a result, but his dad insisted he go. Jarvis' mother was a school teacher. Jarvis is very close to his parents, talking to them up to six times a day.

Jarvis was quite competitive from an early age. He played several sports while in school. Jarvis was previously a college student studying business. Jarvis has previously worked various odd jobs. He once worked in sales. He also worked in a lumber mill, earning \$21 per hour. Jarvis worked 12 hours per night on the graveyard shift. He eventually discovered he could make a living playing online poker.

Jarvis plays poker full-time, but does not consider himself a professional poker player. He is not sure that he wants to make poker his vocation. He remains uncommitted about his future plans, at least prior to the final table outcome. Jarvis has been playing poker seriously for about two years. He had a major breakthrough when he cashed in a few big online tournaments. His biggest win to date is slightly more than \$100,000. This is Jarvis' first time to cash at the WSOP. Prior to this tournament, Jarvis entered six other events, without success. Jarvis is close friends with fellow Canadian Zach Fellows, who won a gold bracelet in last year's \$3,000 buy-in H.O.R.S.E. tournament. If Jarvis wins, he would become the first Canadian world poker champion.

Below is a brief Q&A with Jarvis, taken just hours after he made it to the November Nine.

Question: Your parents obviously understand the importance of a good education. Do you feel the same way?

Jarvis: Yes. I always liked school. But math was always the subject I really excelled at. It has always come really easy to me. I think I have used my love of math and problem solving to become better at poker.

Question: Was your family, and particularly your parents, supportive of your decision to try and make it as a poker player?

Jarvis: Not immediately. And, I have never said 100 percent for sure that poker was going to be a career for me. Like right now, I had some decent wins online and I was continuing to play because of that. I mean, since I was playing well enough to earn money, I did not have to go out and seek a 9 to 5 job. I had enough money to survive. But before now, I'm not sure I really thought of this as a profession. But it might be now.

Question: What were your goals and expectations coming into this year's WSOP?

Jarvis: I was coming off a bit of a hot streak. I came off of making four final tables online. I netted something like \$35,000 in those finishes. For me, that is a decent amount of money. My goal was to make \$100,000 this summer. I said to myself, \$100,000 is the number I have in mind. \$50,000 was kind of a figure that I could live with. But I hoped to get to \$100,000. I also really wanted to play in the Main Event. But if things were not going well, I was considering not playing in the Main Event.

Question: What made you play the Main Event? After all, \$10,000 is a lot of money and you had not cashed here previously.

Jarvis: It was quite a big decision for me. But this is such a great value tournament. I also had friends who wanted to put up money (for me to play). I ended up putting up \$5,000 and was playing for 70 percent. Then, I ended up playing in some satellites at the Rio and won my way in that way. So then, I went back and paid off some of them and am playing for more of myself. It ended up being a really good decision to play.

Question: If you win, you would become the first WSOP Main Event winner from Canada. Do you take special pride in that?

Jarvis: Most Canadians have pride in those kinds of things. Yeah, to be the first Canadian would be pretty amazing.

Question: When you look at the final table and your eight opponents, what concerns you the most?

Jarvis: I really played poorly when blind-versus-blind against Mizrachi. He was on my right. I played two hands totally backwards of how I should have. This was when we were ten-handed. He played them both really well. I put myself in a bit of a spot. I think the main thing that I am going to try and do is – oh, one more thing. John (Dolan) is to my left. He is very solid, as is everyone. At this point, everyone is playing very, very good. I am just going to have to try and maneuver when I get the opportunity, and pick and chose my spots and not get too committed or involved in one hand. I would prefer to slowly move up the ladder.

Question: What if a genie were to pop out of a bottle and make you an offer. The genie offers you second place. You get \$5.5 million as the runner up. You get plenty of face time on television. But, you do not get the win. Would you take the deal?

Jarvis: Umm....I am going to go against what most people would probably say, and go ahead and take it. Second place money is life-changing. Everyone is concerned about the bracelet. But it is a world of economics and \$5.5 million is a lot higher than the next seven spots. Going out good would be nice, too. I would shake the hand of the winner and take my \$5.5 million and go cry on my yacht somewhere.

MEET THE NOVEMBER NINE: JOHN RACENER

SEAT 7 Hometown: Port Richey, Florida Chip Count: 19,050,000 (4th overall)

Racener is 24 years old and will turn 25 in December. Racener is pronounced “Race-ner.”

Racener was born in Dunedin, Florida. Racener grew up in and now lives in Port Richey, FL. He graduated from Ridgewood High School.

Racener was involved in sports from an early age. He had ambitions of being an athlete. He played sports year around – including baseball, basketball, tennis and soccer. When he was about 20-years-old, Racener turned to poker to satisfy his competitive instincts.

Racener started out playing poker at an early age with family, including his mother and father. He enjoyed playing for fun with his family. Later, Racener was introduced to online poker by a close friend. He initially began with a \$50 investment and turned his bankroll into \$30,000 over a year’s time.

Racener is now a professional poker player. He has never held a regular, full-time job – other than playing poker.

Racener began playing in major tournaments around the country when he turned 21. A few days after his 21st birthday, he entered the WSOP Circuit Main Event championship at Harrah’s Atlantic City. The top three finishers made a deal and split up the money.

The following year, Racener won the WSOP Circuit Main Event championship at Harrah’s Atlantic City. First place paid \$379,392.

Racener has \$701,165 in combined WSOP and WSOP Circuit earnings – not counting his cash in the Main Event. Racener had three cashes at this year’s WSOP. Prior to this tournament, his best finish was 21st place.

Racener has more live cashes than anyone at the final table, other than Michael Mizrachi.

Below is a brief Q&A with Racener, taken just hours after he made it to the November Nine.

Question: Discuss making the leap from cashing in several previous tournaments to making the final nine in the Main Event.

Racener: Obviously, this is my dream. I am very appreciative of the opportunity. I am going to give this 100 percent and hope I get the best possible result out of it. The spotlight on all this has already been amazing. When we got down to 27, and then to 18, and then to 9 – the television cameras and all that were just fabulous. It was like a dream come true to be in this spot. Once I get there in November, I think it’s going to be even more amazing.

Question: Do you expect to have a big cheering section, come November?

Racener: The number of people who are going to come is going to be unbelievable. Everyone back home told me they stayed up all night long watching what was happening (here in Las Vegas) online. I mean, hundreds of people – family, friends, and their families. I had my friends’ parents watching this. I heard some people were watching back in Florida that I had not even met before. Some people were late for work. Some did not go to work. I’m expecting hundreds of people to come, so I don’t know how it’s going to work out. But, we’ll figure something out.

Question: Have you given any thought to what it would be like to win \$8,944,138 for first place?

Racener: I have actually thought about it. That would be about as good as it gets.

Question: You are friends with Michael “The Grinder” Mizrachi. What’s it like to be at the final table with a friend of yours?

Racener: He’s a very good friend. We are both from Florida. I have always looked up to him. I have even mimicked my game after him, a bit.

Question: What if a genie were to pop out of a bottle and make you an offer. The genie offers you second place. You get \$5.5 million as the runner up. You get plenty of face time on television. But, you do not get the win. Would you take the deal?

Racener: I would have to say no. Why not? Because my dream is to be the world champion. It’s as simple as that.

MEET THE NOVEMBER NINE: FILIPPO CANDIO

SEAT 8 Hometown: Cagliari, Sardinia (Italy) Chip Count: 16,400,000 (6th in chips)

Candio turned 26 years-old in March. Candio is from Sardinia, an island in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Italy.

Candio is 100 percent fluent in Italian and about 85 percent fluent in English. He also studied Latin in college. Candio learned most of his English by watching American movies.

Candio attended college and studied classical literature. His favorite book is "The Count of Monte Cristo." Candio also considered becoming a lawyer. He took many classes in law.

Candio's breakthrough victory occurred last year in the Italian Poker Tour championship. He earned more than 140,000 Euros for that win. Candio has only one previous WSOP in-the-money finish. He cashed in 157th place in the \$1,500 No-Limit Hold'em tournament (Event #11) this year.

Candio is the first Italian player ever to make it to the WSOP Main Event final table.

Below is a brief Q&A with Candio, taken just hours after he made it to the November Nine.

Question: You come from an interesting part of the world. Tell us about your home.

Candio: Sardinia is an island which is part of Italy. It is near Corsica. It's a different life (than in Italy). The life there is tougher. It's not a big place. It is a small place.

Question: How did you learn about poker and become interested in the game?

Candio: I saw it on television. I saw the Italian people doing it – like Dario Minieri, Max Pescatori, and Luca Pagano. I started to play poker....well, I had always played and known about poker. But nothing like this (scale).

Question: On becoming a professional poker player.

Candio: If you have the right mind and manage your bankroll and you work hard, you can do it. This is my work. It is difficult work. I think the way I play, I am going to lose three or four years (of my life) because of the stress of it.

Question: When you return to Sardinia, do you expect you will be famous?

Candio: Today, I received 600 requests (Facebook). At one time, there were ten coming in every minute. There is a great interest in poker in Italy, now. Media is interested about poker, too. I don't know if I am famous. But I want to keep everything with my feet on the ground.

Question: What do you think about maybe being the most famous poker player in Italy – and if you win, becoming one of the most famous players in the world?

Candio: If you do not have the right mind, you can lose it all. I am more mature now than I was before. I have good friends and family. That will help me, I think.

Question: What was your goal coming to this year's WSOP?

Candio: Because I won a tournament in Italy before, I now have some money. When I play, I never get upset about the game. I think people when they get here (and play in the WSOP) they lose their minds. When they take a bad beat, they go on tilt. Me, too. I used to do that. But not at the World Series of Poker.

Question: How would you rate yourself as a poker player?

Candio: I think I'm a good player. But I must learn more. I am only 26. I cannot know all there is to know. It's impossible. I am so happy to be here. I feel proud.

Question: What if a genie were to pop out of a bottle and make you an offer. The genie offers you second place. You get \$5.5 million as the runner up. You get plenty of face time on television. But, you do not get the win. Would you take the deal?

Candio: No! No! No! I have only one interest. Money is okay. It is very important. It would be stupid to say anything else. All people know that money is important. But I am a professional poker player. I can always win money – but not the Main Event of the World Series of Poker. Those banners around the tournament room....Stu Ungar (and other former world champions). That's where I want to be, up there with them.

Question: So, your goal is to be the next portrait that is hoisted inside the tournament room, at next year's WSOP?

Candio: Right. I don't want a bracelet. I want a wall!

MEET THE NOVEMBER NINE: CUONG “SOI” NGUYEN

SEAT 9 Hometown: Santa Ana, CA (USA) Chip Count: 9,650,000 (8th place)

Nguyen turned 37 in March. Nguyen was born in what was formally Saigon, South Vietnam. One of Nguyen's relatives worked for the United States Government in South Vietnam. When Saigon fell in 1975, Nguyen's family fled their homeland and immigrated to the U.S. After spending a few years in Pennsylvania, the Nguyen family settled down in Southern California.

Nguyen's legal first name is Cuong. But he goes by the nickname, "Soi." The name was given to him because he always liked soy sauce as a child. When he became older, he began spelling his name S-O-I so his name would be a bit different, since he had friends who were also named "Soy."

Nguyen currently lives in Santa Ana, California. Nguyen is single. He has one son, aged 12. Nguyen is the only player among the final nine who is not a full-time professional poker player.

Nguyen initially wanted to become an attorney. He says he wanted to practice law, because he enjoys debates and arguments. Nguyen has attended college. But he did not graduate. Nguyen worked various jobs in business. He considered going back to school to earn his degree. But as Nguyen was promoted in various jobs, he often supervised college graduates and decided it was not worth his time to go back and get his degree. Nguyen works as a manager for a major company that makes and distributes products related to orthopedic surgery, and patients' recovery from surgery.

Nguyen previously cashed at last year's L.A. Poker Classic. He has no other major cashes. This marks Nguyen's first time to cash in a WSOP event. Incredibly, Nguyen admits that he actually plays very little poker – either live or online. If Nguyen wins the WSOP Main Event, he will instantly surpass two other famous poker players named Nguyen in lifetime earnings. Scotty Nguyen won the 1998 world championship. Men "the Master" Nguyen currently has seven WSOP gold bracelets. Nguyen goes into the Main Event final table ranked eighth in chips out of nine players.

Below is a brief Q&A with Nguyen, taken just hours after he made it to the November Nine.

Question: You are the only player at this final table who is not a full-time professional poker player. Does making the November Nine change your employment situation and career plans?

Nguyen: Part of who was here cheering for me last night (when playing from 27 to 9) was the owner of my company. I have worked with him for ten years now. He told me this morning, 'Do whatever you need to do. You will always have a job with me.'

Question: So many Vietnamese-born poker players have done well in poker. Why is this so, in your opinion?

Nguyen: To be honest, I think it is something in the blood. It's part of our culture. When the New Year comes, our culture gambles for three days straight. I mean, literally. No sleep. When we were just 6 or 7 years old we would get envelopes (with money) and gamble. Red envelopes are a tradition where we get money from parents, aunts, uncles, whatever. It's considered good luck to give the money. All we did was gamble. All my friends – everyone. So, it's in the blood, I think. Also, this is a stereotype, but many Asians are good at math. Poker has a lot to do with math. Whether it is calculating outs or pot odds – so I think it is natural for many of us to be good at poker. If you combine the willingness to take risk along with having a good understanding of math, I think that is what makes many good Vietnamese poker players.

Question: Do you intend to change your game once the final table starts?

Nguyen: I would like to have more chips. But my whole objective was making it to the November Nine. Now, I can play poker again. Yesterday was much more strategic – meaning just trying to get there. Now, I am going to play the style that got me here.

Question: You have a son who is 12-years-old. Does he understand the significance of all this?

Nguyen: Yes. He sent me a text every night. He understands what the World Series of Poker is, but I do not think he understands what a big event this is for us. He also hears my friends talk about it. So, he understands some of it, but maybe doesn't understand quite the magnitude of everything.

Question: You actually do not have much poker tournament experience. So, how did you get this far?

Nguyen: I just went with my gut, making the right calls at the right time. You have to get a couple of lucky suck outs. I had two pretty sick suck outs. But my pocket aces got cracked two times, as well. It happens. It's a roller coaster ride.

Question: What if a genie were to pop out of a bottle and make you an offer. The genie offers you second place. You get \$5.5 million as the runner up. You get plenty of face time on television. But, you do not get the win. Would you take the deal?

Nguyen: No. I am going to get paid enough, no matter where I finish. But I want to be the champ. The money would be great. I went to dinner on Day Seven with a bunch of pros – Nam Le, Chino Rheem, and all those guys. I really do not play that much poker. In the last three years, I maybe have played in three tournaments. When I went to dinner with them, Nam Le was like 'I would give up like almost all of my accomplishments to be sitting where you are right now. Just to have the opportunity to make it to the November Nine.' When he said that, it put things into perspective for me. The money is great. But I want the title. I want to be the super underdog story of the century. I'm fine with whatever place I finish. But my goal is to win it all.

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2010 Main Event – By the Numbers

Total # of Entries:	7,319
Game:	No Limit Texas Hold'em
Entry Fee:	\$10,000
Net Prize Pool:	\$68,799,059
Entries by Day:	1A: 1,125 1B: 1,489 1C: 2,314 1D: 2,391 2A: 2,412 2B: 2,734
Total Day 2 Players:	5,146
Total Day 3 Players:	2,557
Total Day 4 Players:	1,205
Total Day 5 Players:	574
Total Day 6 Players:	205
Total Day 7 Players:	78
Total Day 8 Players:	27
Players in the Money:	747
1st Place Prize:	\$8,944,310
2nd Place Prize:	\$5,545,955
3rd Place Prize:	\$4,130,049
4th Place Prize:	\$3,092,545
5th Place Prize:	\$2,332,992
6th Place Prize:	\$1,772,959
7th Place Prize:	\$1,356,720
8th Place Prize:	\$1,045,743
9th Place Prize:	\$811,823

*Note: Final 9 players received 9th place prize money on July 18 and the rest of the money was placed in an interest-bearing account to be added to the prize pool on a percentage basis for the final 8 finishers.

Last place paid: \$19,263

Last Year's Key Stats

Defending Champion:	Joe Cada, Shelby Township, Michigan, USA
2009 1st Place Prize:	\$8,547,044
2009 Net Prize Pool:	\$61,043,600
2009 No. of Entries:	6,494

2010 WSOP MAIN EVENT DATA

Average Age of Player in Main Event:

37 years, 4 months

There are 92 different countries participating this year, and the Top 10 are:

Rank	Top 10 Countries Represented	# of players
1	Unites States	4973
2	Canada	482
3	England	292
4	France	176
5	Germany	176
6	Australia	110
7	Sweden	99
8	Russia	89
9	Italy	81
10	Netherlands	78



ESPN TV SCHEDULE FOR 2010 WSOP FINAL TABLE

ESPN's coverage of the [2010 World Series of Poker, presented by Jack Link's Beef Jerky](#) from the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas concludes on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 10 PM ET in the most anticipated poker finale in the history of the game.

[Lon McEachern](#) and [Norman Chad](#) call all the action. [Doug White](#), Senior Director of Programming and Acquisitions and [Jamie Horowitz](#), Coordinating Producer are the executives in charge for poker coverage on ESPN.

For all ESPN media inquiries and interview requests, please contact [Kim Jessup](#), Senior Publicist of Communications, and the [media kit](#) for the latest World Series of Poker releases, schedules, news, photos, video and audio clips, and more.

Tues., Nov. 9	10-midnight ET, ESPN/ESPNHD*	Main Event Final Table
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*TV Schedule Subject To Change

ESPN WSOP By The Numbers

8,944,310 – Number of dollars the 2010 WSOP Main Event Champion will take home

28,000 - Number of pounds of TV equipment used to produce the WSOP

7,319 - Number of entrants in the Main Event

185 - Total Number of days worked for the 2010 WSOP (Pre-production on May 10- set strike on November 10)

70 hours, 44 minutes – The amount of time each player spent reaching the final table.

40 - Number of HD cameras used by ESPN to film the WSOP

37 - Age of the oldest player still remaining (in November Nine)

28 - Number of Main Event hours that will have aired on ESPN in 2010 (highest ever)

23 - Age of the youngest player still remaining (in November Nine)

November Nine Facts:

- Of the surviving players, eight of the nine are age 29 or younger
- There are six Americans remaining in the Main Event
- There are three non-American (international) players remaining in the Main Event
- There are three different nations with players still alive in the Main Event. The nations are Canada, Italy and the United States

MAIN EVENT CHAMPIONS (By Year) – WORLD SERIES OF POKER

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u># of ENTRANTS</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
1970	Johnny Moss*	7	Silver Cup
1971	Johnny Moss	6	\$30,000**
1972	Thomas "Amarillo Slim" Preston	8	\$80,000
1973	Walter "Puggy" Pearson	13	\$130,000
1974	Johnny Moss	16	\$160,000
1975	Brian "Sailor" Roberts	21	\$210,000
1976	Doyle Brunson	22	\$220,000
1977	Doyle Brunson	34	\$340,000
1978	Bobby Baldwin	42	\$210,000
1979	Hal Fowler	54	\$270,000
1980	Stu Ungar	73	\$385,000
1981	Stu Ungar	75	\$375,000
1982	Jack "Treetop" Strauss	104	\$520,000
1983	Tom McEvoy	108	\$540,000
1984	Jack Keller	132	\$660,000
1985	Bill Smith	140	\$700,000
1986	Berry Johnston	141	\$570,000
1987	Johnny Chan	152	\$625,000
1988	Johnny Chan	167	\$700,000
1989	Phil Hellmuth	178	\$755,000
1990	Mansour Matloubi	194	\$895,000
1991	Brad Daugherty	215	\$1,000,000
1992	Hamid Dastmalchi	201	\$1,000,000
1993	Jim Bechtel	220	\$1,000,000
1994	Russ Hamilton	268	\$1,000,000
1995	Dan Harrington	273	\$1,000,000
1996	Huck Seed	295	\$1,000,000
1997	Stu Ungar	312	\$1,000,000
1998	Scotty Nguyen	350	\$1,000,000
1999	Noel Furlong	393	\$1,000,000
2000	Chris "Jesus" Ferguson	512	\$1,500,000
2001	Carlos Mortensen	613	\$1,500,000
2002	Robert Varkonyi	631	\$2,000,000
2003	Chris Moneymaker	839	\$2,500,000
2004	Grey Raymer	2,576	\$5,000,000
2005	Joe Hachem	5,619	\$7,500,000
2006	Jamie Gold	8,773	\$12,000,000
2007	Jerry Yang	6,358	\$8,250,000
2008	Peter Eastgate	6,844	\$9,152,416
2009	Joe Cada	6,494	\$8,547,044
2010	???	7,319	\$8,944,310

*By Vote of Peers

**Buy-in was \$5,000. Ever since, buy-in has been \$10,000.



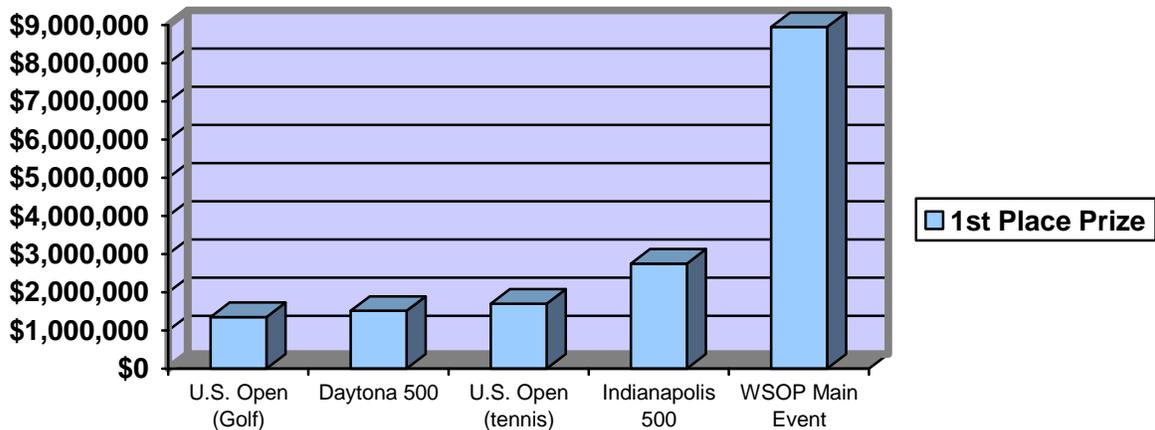
KING OF SPORTS???

2010 WSOP MAIN EVENT WINNER TAKES HOME MORE THAN THE OTHERS COMBINED!

The World Series of Poker (WSOP) Main Event Champion in 2010 (known worldwide as the reigning world champion of poker), will be awarded \$8,944,310 and the coveted championship gold bracelet.

This is more prize money than any other major individual sport's crowning champion and more than the Daytona 500, Indianapolis 500, U.S. Open (golf) and U.S. Open (tennis) champions combined!

\$8,944,310 vs. \$7,314,649.



TITLE	WINNER	PRIZE
WSOP Main Event Champion	???	\$8,944,310
Indianapolis 500 Winner	Dario Franchitti	\$2,750,000
Daytona 500 Winner	Jamie McMurray	\$1,514,649
U.S. Open (tennis)	Rafael Nadal	\$1,700,000
U.S. Open (golf)	Graeme McDowell	\$1,350,000



ABOUT THE WORLD SERIES OF POKER (WSOP)

The World Series of Poker (WSOP) is the longest-running, largest, richest and most prestigious gaming event in the world, dating back 40 years to 1970, and offering more than \$1.2 billion in prize money thus far. Annually, the WSOP features 57 different poker events over 50 consecutive days each summer.

In 2010, the WSOP attracted nearly 73,000 participants from 117 countries around the globe to the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas – all competing for the game’s most coveted prize...a WSOP bracelet and prize money that reached more than \$187 million.

Featuring a comprehensive slate of tournaments in every major poker variation, the WSOP is poker’s longest running set of tournaments, dating back to 1970. The World Series of Poker culminates with the \$10,000 No-Limit Hold’em Championship, commonly referred to as the Main Event.

The winner of each event gets a World Series of Poker gold bracelet – globally recognized as the game’s highest honor – and a cash prize based on the number of entrants and the amount of the event buy-in. The prize pool for the past five years (\$861 million) is more than double the total prize pool of the first 36 years of the WSOP combined (\$370 million).

Buy-ins for the different events range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 depending on the event and, unlike other sporting events, anyone 21 years of age or older can enter, and anyone can win. Winning a WSOP tournament is a life-changing event, making instant stars and often instant millionaires out of those with a dream and the determination to outmaneuver and outlast the competition.

Harrah’s Entertainment acquired the WSOP in 2004, and participation in the event has grown exponentially under its tenure. In 2003, the WSOP attracted 7,572 total entrants. The last seven years looks like this:

Year	# of Entrants
2004	14,054
2005	32,341
2006	48,366
2007	54,288
2008	58,720
2009	60,875
2010	72,966

The WSOP team has forged groundbreaking alliances in broadcasting, digital media, corporate sponsorship and licensing while successfully extending the brand internationally, with the advent of the World Series of Poker Europe in London in 2007. ESPN is the exclusive U.S. telecast partner of the WSOP. WSOP programming airs in 25 countries on five continents and is available to 300 million households.



ANECDOTES – WORLD SERIES OF POKER

- The World Series of Poker is the longest-running, richest and most prestigious gaming event in the world.
- In 2010, the WSOP awarded \$187,110,309 in prize money.
- 2010 is a milestone year as it marks the 40th Anniversary of the WSOP.
- As the staple tournament for the best poker players in the world, the WSOP attracted participants from 117 locations across the world in 2010 – more than the 82 countries that participated in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.
- Since Harrah's Entertainment assumed ownership of the WSOP in 2004, the tournament has grown significantly in participation each year:
 - 2004: 14,054 player registrations
 - 2005: 32,341 player registrations
 - 2006: 48,366 player registrations
 - 2007: 54,288 player registrations
 - 2008: 58,720 player registrations
 - 2009: 60,875 player registrations
 - 2010: 72,966 player registrations
- The WSOP has expanded internationally. The first-ever WSOP event was held outside the U.S. in September 2007 in London. This year marked the fourth annual World Series of Poker Europe (WSOPE).
- The 42nd Annual World Series of Poker will take place from May 30th through July 19th, 2011 at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Winners of each of the sanctioned events will receive an exclusive World Series of Poker gold bracelet, known worldwide as the most coveted prize in gaming.
- The 2011 tournament will be televised exclusively on ESPN in the United States.
- According to a December 2007 article in *The Economist*, poker is the third most watched sport on cable television today – following the NFL and NASCAR.

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