

**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
IP Casino Resort and Spa  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
Event #7  
No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 139  
Prize Pool: \$41,700  
August 14-15, 2012**



## **THAT'S MY RING**

**Tennessee resident shines in WSOP Circuit's season-opening six-handed event. Rodney Shows falls short of overtaking Cory Wood in the Casino Champion's race.**

**Biloxi, MS (August 15, 2012)** — When the ten of diamonds hit the river early Wednesday night at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS one would be hard pressed to tell just by looking at him if Rodney Givens won or lost.

The 41-year-old man from Monteagle, TN had won Event #7, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed event, the first of its kind on the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit, but remained emotionless.

He and his opponent, Benton Blakeman, had the rest of their chips in, Givens holding pocket tens and Blakeman holding ace-jack and at risk. The flop brought a jack catapulting Blakeman into the lead but Givens stood stoic. The turn came a blank and Givens remained motionless. When the miracle ten of diamonds hit the river he gave nothing up aside from a 'Good game' and a congenial handshake to the tournament's runner-up.

When asked what went through his head when the ten hit the river, Givens replied,

"That's my ring."

Givens decided to forgo college after high school and began working for his father as a contractor building homes. Givens remains a builder to this day.

The score marked his first-ever WSOP Circuit cash and largest tournament score.

This was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at IP Biloxi. Officially listed as Event #7, the \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament attracted 139 entrants. The total prize pool came to \$41,700. The top fifteen finishers were paid. Givens was awarded \$11,675 for first. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

The two-day tournament began at 12 p.m. local time Tuesday. It took 13 hours and 30 minutes (including a one-hour dinner break) to reach the six-handed final table. Day 1 play concluded at

that time and the remaining six players returned at 3 p.m. Wednesday for the final playing session. Play finished at 8:25 p.m. making the total duration of the final table about five hours and 25 minutes.

### Notes On The Event

- This was the first tournament of the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof to feature a six-handed format.
- The final table (five hours and 25 minutes) was the second longest of the seven events that have concluded at IP Biloxi in 2012-13.
- The final table included one WSOP Circuit champion, Rodney Shows. Shows earned his gold ring earlier this year at Harrah's Tunica (Event #12, \$345 No-Limit Hold'em). He finished sixth in Event #7 and joined Christopher Conrad, James Johnson and Cory Wood as the only players to make multiple final table appearances at the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit stop at IP Biloxi.
- Shows could have overtaken Wood for the outright lead in the Casino Champion's race with a first-place finish in Event #7. He currently sits fifth with 47.5 points.

Through seven events, Wood sits alone atop the Casino Championship leaderboard with 67.5 points. He is trailed by Conrad (60) and Event #1 champion, Blake Barousse (52.5).

The player who accumulates the most overall points in IP Biloxi's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP Circuit National Championship, as will the winner of the IP Biloxi Main Event. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is a list of gold ring champions from IP Biloxi so far:

EVENT #1: Blake Barousse defeated 202 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$15,757  
EVENT #2: Elisa Burkett defeated 103 players (\$580 NLHE Turbo) for \$15,449  
EVENT #3: Travis Johnston defeated 78 players (\$365 PLO) for \$7,956  
EVENT #4: Kaufman Talley defeated 461 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$29,743  
EVENT #5: Ashly Butler defeated 171 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$13,850  
EVENT #6: John Dolan defeated 146 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,265  
EVENT #7: Ronnie Givens defeated 139 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$11,675

With the sixth tournament wrapped up, there are now six events remaining at the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS that runs through August 20, 2012.

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