

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season Nine

IP Casino Resort and Spa

Biloxi, Mississippi

Main Event (Event #11)

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In \$1,500 (+\$165)

Total Entries: 300

Prize Pool: \$450,000

August 18-20, 2012



KYLE CARTWRIGHT WINS RECORD-TYING FIFTH WSOP CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

Tennessee-based pro ties Mark “Pegasus” Smith as the all-time Circuit ring leader.

Cory Wood earns Casino Champion honors with three final table appearances.

Biloxi, MS (August 20, 2012) — Kyle Cartwright joined the ranks of the WSOP Circuit’s elite Monday afternoon at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS.

Prior this history day Cartwright had won four WSOP Circuit championships in just sixteen months. If it wasn’t known before, the 24-year-old, Tennessee-based professional has a game tailor-made for the Circuit and the hardware to prove it.

With that in mind, it should come as no surprise Cartwright did it again. On Monday afternoon he bested the last of 299 other players who took their seats in the \$1,675 WSOP Circuit Main Event at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS.

The victory marked his record-tying fifth WSOP Circuit win and second Main Event championship and awarded the young pro \$107,992.

“It feels good and it hasn’t taken that long,” Cartwright said of winning number five. “It’s been about two years and I hope to get a lot more in the next few years. If someone gets six, I want seven. Whatever the record is, I want it.”

Joining Cartwright at the final table were Casino Champion contenders John Dolan and Cory Wood. Wood began the day as the leader in the race to the season-ending championship in New Orleans, but if he finished sixth and Dolan finished runner-up, Wood would lose the honors to Dolan. With the elimination of Dennis Pasentine in sixth, Wood could breathe a sigh of relief as he was then guaranteed a seat in the WSOP National Championship. Dolan, who had a phenomenal series in his own right, recorded first and third place finishes but came up short of locking up a seat.

“Me and Dolan are actually buddies,” Cartwright said. “He’s one of the best players I know for sure. He’s taught me a lot and was helping me on break. He’s a fantastic player and has had an insanely good past few years.”

Cartwright's win propelled him into a tie for all-time WSOP Circuit championships with Mark "Pegasus" Smith. Smith, a competitor in his own right, was monitoring the action closely from home.

"I couldn't be more pleased it was him." Smith said of Cartwright joining him at the top. "He is not only a really nice guy but also a wonderful player. I'm flattered to be in such good company. These young guys play two to three times the stops I do and I'm sure over time I will be passed up, but from 2009 to now I have either been tied or held the world record in rings. How blessed am I?"

Smith also made it clear he previously had no intentions of attending the WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Bossier City later next month, but in light of Cartwright winning ways he now plans to make a trip to Louisiana.

The Main Event (officially listed as Event #10) was a three-day \$1,500 (+\$165) No-Limit Hold'em tournament that attracted 300 entrants.

Both starting flights began Saturday, August 18. Cards were in the air for Flight A at 12 p.m. local time and for Flight B at 5 p.m. Flight A attracted 192 entrants and Flight B drew 108. The total prize pool came to \$450,000 and the top 30 finishers were paid.

Some of the notable players to cash in the Main Event included Ryan Teppen (27th), Robert Castoire (26th), David Nicholson (20th), Claudia Crawford (18th), Ryan Lenaghan (13th), Charles Moore (12th), Rex Clinkscales (11th), Wood (4th) and Dolan (3rd). All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points used to qualify for a seat in the season-ending championship to be held in New Orleans May 21-23, 2013.

A full list of players who cashed in the Main Event can be seen on WSOP.com.

The first day resulted in the elimination of almost three quarters of the starting field. In all, 88 players returned for the second day of play Sunday at 12 p.m. After 10 levels on Day 2, the field was trimmed to the final nine. Their chip stacks were as follows (NOTE: final table blinds began at 5,000/10,000 with a 1,000 ante):

Seat 1: Patrick Eskandar – 455,000
Seat 2: Jesus Cabrera – 344,000
Seat 3: Tony Hatley – 285,000
Seat 4: Brad Johnson – 510,000
Seat 5: Kyle Cartwright – 1,553,000
Seat 6: Cory Wood – 1,050,000
Seat 7: Dennis Pasentine – 545,000
Seat 8: Peter Shashy – 172,000
Seat 9: John Dolan – 1,063,000

About The Final Table:

- The nine-handed final table was reached at 12:05 a.m. Monday (level 23). Play continued as scheduled, through level 25, and six players remained when Day 2 concluded. The

third and final day of play began Monday at 12 p.m. and concluded at about 3:15 p.m.
The total duration of the final table was four hours and forty-five minutes.

- This was the first Main Event final table of the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit.
- Wood became the third player to make three final table appearances at IP Biloxi. Tony Hatley (seventh) became the seventh player to make two.
- The final table included two WSOP Circuit champions -- Cartwright (four) and Dolan (one). Dolan's lone gold ring championship came earlier this series in Event #6. Cartwright won two at Harrah's Tunica in 2011 and two at Harrah's St. Louis in 2011 and 2012.
- Dennis Pasentine's sixth place finish marked his first-ever WSOP Circuit cash.

1st: Kyle Cartwright - \$107,992

Hometown: Bartlett, TN

Age: 24

Occupation: Professional Poker Player

WSOP Circuit Earnings: \$406,819 including five WSOP Circuit championships.

2nd: Brad Johnson - \$66,744

Hometown: Madison, AL

Age: 52

Occupation: Retired

WSOP Circuit Earnings: \$85,174

3rd: John Dolan - \$48,429

Hometown: Bonita Springs, FL

Age: 26

Occupation: Professional Poker Player

WSOP Circuit Earnings: \$68,326 including one WSOP Circuit championship

Total WSOP and Circuit Earnings: \$1,978,372 including a sixth place finish in the 2010 Main Event for \$1,772,559.

4th: Cory Wood - \$35,730

Hometown: Murfreesboro, TN

Age: 27

Occupation: Professional Poker Player

WSOP Circuit Earnings: \$64,270

Total WSOP and Circuit Earnings: \$194,283

5th: Jesus Cabrera - \$26,798

Hometown: Atlanta, GA

Age: 47

Occupation: Self-employed

WSOP Circuit Earnings: \$117,418

6th: Dennis Pasentine - \$20,421

Hometown: Mandeville, LA

Age: 33

WSOP Circuit Earnings: \$20,421

7th: Tony Hatley - \$15,804

Hometown: Mobile, AL
Age: 64
WSOP Circuit Earnings: \$17,119

8th: Peter Shashy - \$12,420
Hometown: Montgomery, AL
Age: 58
WSOP Circuit Earnings: \$13,143

9th: Patrick Eskandar - \$9,909
Hometown: Ladder Ranch, CA
WSOP Circuit Earnings: \$9,909
Total WSOP and Circuit Earnings: \$336,753

Here's a list of all the champions from the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit series at IP Casino Resort and Spa:

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: Cauffman 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: Rondal "Ronnie" Givens defeated 139 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$11,675
EVENT #8: Jonathan Taylor defeated 148 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,434
EVENT #9: Ben Mintz defeated 100 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$30,000
EVENT #10: Patrick Smith defeated 169 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$13,689
EVENT #12: Joshua Pender defeated 84 players (\$580 NLHE Turbo) for \$13,441
THE MAIN EVENT: Kyle Cartwright defeated 300 players (\$1,675 NLH) for \$107,992

With the Main Event wrapped up, the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS has concluded.

Coming up next the WSOP Circuit is off to Horseshoe Bossier City in Louisiana. Events run from September 13 to September 24. The Main Event begins Saturday, September 22. From there the series will move to Horseshoe Southern Indiana where Mark "Pegasus" Smith won his record-breaking fifth WSOP Circuit ring last year. For more information please visit www.WSOP.com/circuit/2012.

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