



2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Seven
Choctaw Resort and Casino
Ring Event #7
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$345
Total Entries: 448
Total Prize Pool: \$127,674
January 18-19, 2011

Final Results:

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1	Robert Castoire	Cecelia	KY	\$28,090
2	Mark Smith	Georgetown	KY	\$17,357
3	Raymond Speck	Burkburnett	TX	\$12,683
4	William Blood	Excelsior Spgs	MO	\$9,417
5	Brandon Airey	Glen Carbon	IL	\$7,101
6	Louis Barlow	Oklahoma City	OK	\$5,435
7	Matthew Key	Tyler	TX	\$4,221
8	Douglas Paxton	Weatherford	TX	\$3,325
9	Brian Green	Chico	TX	\$2,656
10	Altan-Ochir Altansukh	Springfield	MO	\$2,150
11	Diosdado Icawat	Austin	TX	\$2,150
12	Russell Ivy	Carrizo Springs	TX	\$2,150
13	Gary Eastwood	Colbert	OK	\$1,764
14	Charles Moore	Bossier City	LA	\$1,764
15	Eugene Hueber	Van	TX	\$1,764
16	Michael Scarlett	Republic	MO	\$1,468
17	Bruce Van Horn	Ada	OK	\$1,468
18	Marcus Cates	Arlington	TX	\$1,468
19	Dean Schoeneck	Norman	OK	\$1,237
20	David Helm	Carrollton	TX	\$1,237
21	Shane Howeth	Lake Kiowa	TX	\$1,237
22	Bruno Skerianz	Irving	TX	\$1,056
23	Kenneth Shelton	Dallas	TX	\$1,056
24	Chris Brown	Trophy Club	TX	\$1,056
25	TJ Cloutier	Richardson	TX	\$913
26	Buzz Deitchman	Dallas	TX	\$913
27	Christopher Santorella	Murphy	TX	\$913
28	Cheryl Tolbert	Moore	OK	\$799
29	Otis Key	Dallas	TX	\$799
30	John Reese	Tyler	TX	\$799
31	Matthew Avery	Fort Worth	TX	\$709
32	Ruth Graham	Highland Ranch	CO	\$709
33	Darwin German	Fort Worth	TX	\$709
34	Aaron Raynish	Dallas	TX	\$636
35	Richard Nugent	Dallas	TX	\$636
36	Isaac Do	Murphy	TX	\$636
37	Debra Pechac	Phoenix	AZ	\$577

38	Stefan Toth	Grand Prairie	TX	\$577
39	Leonard Toth	Grand Prairie	TX	\$577
40	Duc Tran	Plano	TX	\$577
41	Cheryl Baugus	Sand Springs	OK	\$577
42	Danny Crow	Fort Worth	TX	\$577
43	Robert Brinkley	Andover	KS	\$577
44	Heath Meade	Calera	OK	\$577

The Drive for Five

Robert Castoire captures his second WSOPC Ring while Pegasus falls just short of five.

Most would agree that it isn't a question of if Mark Smith will win his fifth World Series of Poker Circuit Ring, but instead a question of when. The man better known as "Pegasus" is currently tied with Men Nguyen and Chris Reslock for the most WSOPC Rings with four. He was the 2009/2010 Circuit Player of the Year and already had two final tables on this seasons Circuit coming in the Choctaw Resort and Casino series.

A total of 448 players entered the \$345 No-Limit Hold 'em Circuit event to take their shot at the \$28,090 first place prize. At the end of the first day, just 31 players moved on to the second day of action. In the end, it would be a fellow Kentucky native, WSOP Circuit Ring holder and one of Mark Smith's close friends that would make the drive for five wait for yet another event.

The chip counts by seat assignments at the final table were as follows:

1. Bill Blood 302,000
2. Travis Speck 591,000
3. O.C. Altansukh 731,000
4. Doug Paxton 260,000
5. Robert Castoire 559,000
6. Brian Green 154,000
7. Brandon Airey 989,000
8. Mark "Pegasus" Smith 300,000
9. Lou Barlow 197,000
10. Matt Key 392,000

10th Place - \$2,150

Despite coming into the final table as one of the bigger stack, O.C. Altansukh took some major hits to his stack early on. When he moved all in with [Ad][Jc], Robert Castoire made the call and turned up [Tc][Td]. The board ran out [5d][3h][3s][4s][8c] and the 22 year old from Springfield, Missouri was sent to the rail in tenth place.

9th Place - \$2,656

Brian Green and Bill Blood were both all in against Robert Castoire just a short time later. Green held [Qs][9c], Blood showed [7d][7s] and Castoire turned up [Ac][Td]. The board bricked out for everyone and Blood took the pot with his sevens. Green was the short stack and was eliminated on the hand in ninth place.

8th Place - \$3,325

After a flop of [Ac][9s][4c], Travis Speck checked to Doug Paxton, who bet 80,000. Speck raised to a total of 225,000 and Paxton moved all in. Speck made the call and turned over [4d][4s] for a flopped set of fours. Paxton flipped up [Ad][9h] for top two and would need to improve to stay alive. The turn was the [5h] and the river came the [8d]. Speck's set held up to win the pot and knock Paxton out in eighth place.

For Paxton, this was his fourth cash at the Choctaw WSOPC Series and his third final table.

7th Place – \$4,221

Just moments later, Travis Speck raised from under the gun to 65,000 before the flop. Matt Key moved all in from the small blind for 230,000 and Speck made the call. Key turned up [Ad][Ks] but was in bad shape when Speck tabled [Ah][As]. The board of [8c][8d][5d][4s][Td] brought no help to Key and the Tyler, Texas native was sent to rail in seventh place.

6th Place - \$5,435

After a pre flop raise from Brandon Airey, Lou Barlow moved all in for his last 258,000. Airey made the call with [Tc][Th] against Barlow's [Qs][Js]. The board came [8h][6s][4s][3h][2d] and Barlow, who finished 425th in the WSOP Main Event this summer, was eliminated in sixth place.

5th Place - \$7,101

On a board of [Kc][8h][8s][Jc], Travis Speck got all in against Brandon Airey in a massive pot. Airey turned over [Kh][Qh] for two pair but Speck showed [Kd][Jc] for a better two pair. The river was the [3c] and Speck doubled up to over 1.1 million with 4.48 million chips in play.

A few hands later, Airey got the rest of his chips in on a flop of [9h][2c][2h] against Robert Castoire. Castoire held [9s][8s] for top pair against Airey's flush draw with [Ah][Th]. The turn was the [7s] and the river came the [5s]. Airey failed to make his flush and was sent home in fifth place.

4th Place - \$9,417

When action was folded around to Bill Blood in the small blind, he raised to 100,000. Robert Castoire looked down at his hand and moved all in from the big blind. Blood snap called and turned up [Ad][As]. Castoire flipped up [Td][Ts]. The flop came out [Jd][8h][5h] and Blood maintained his lead. The [9h] on the turn gave Castoire an open ended straight draw and some additional outs. The river was a dagger for Blood, the [Th], giving Castoire a set and sending the Excelsior Springs, Missouri native to the rail in fourth place.

3rd Place – \$12,683

Robert Castoire found himself in the middle of a huge pot yet again, this time with Travis Speck. Speck raised from the button to 115,000 and Castoire reraised to 325,000. Mark Smith folded and Speck moved all in for 835,000 more. Castoire made the call and saw that he was in great shape with [7d][7h] against Speck's [6h][6s]. However, the flop of [Qs][6c][2c] gave Speck a set and a huge lead in the pot. It didn't take long for Castoire to take the lead again though as the [7c] fell on the turn. Only the case six could bring the pot back to Speck. The Burkburnett, Texas native was eliminated in third place when the [Td] fell on the river.

2nd Place - \$17,357

After ten hours of play at the final table, Mark "Pegasus" Smith had managed to make it to heads-up play despite only playing a total of three hands the entire day. Because of that, Robert Castoire held an 11 to 1 chip advantage over Smith. Despite doubling up once, Smith finally moved all in with [Ah][4s] and was called by Castoire's [5c][5d]. The board ran out [Ks][Td][8h][2c][Jc] and Smith was unable to improve.

Smith and Castoire, who both reside in Kentucky and are good friends, congratulated each other and exchanged a few laughs. Despite falling just short of winning his fifth WSOPC Ring, Mark Smith walked away with a smile and collected his \$17,357 second place prize.

1st Place - \$28,090

Robert Castoire took home the first place prize of \$28,090 and his second WSOP Circuit Ring. He won the 2008 \$1,000 NLHE event in Tunica to secure his first ring. Castoire was visibly not as happy as a normal tournament victor would be. He stated that he had never been so upset to win a tournament as he really wanted his friend, Mark Smith, to get his fifth Ring.

But, poker is poker and Robert Castoire was not going to give his friend the Ring. Castoire dominated an exciting final table now finds himself only two Rings away from tying his friends record.

But, don't feel too bad for Mark "Pegasus" Smith. If history has taught us anything, it is that if there is a WSOPC event, odds are "Pegasus" will be there again at the end...