



**2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Eight
IP Biloxi Casino Resort and Spa
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em Main Event
Final Report
Buy-In: \$1,600
Total Entries: 337
Total Prize Pool: \$490,335
November 5-7, 2011**

THE DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

Jerry Monroe Records Back-to-Back Main Event Final Table Appearances at IP Biloxi.

Biloxi, MS (November 7, 2011) — One year ago, Jerry Monroe came to the final table of the Main Event at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, Mississippi with about 10 big blinds and only move — All-in. He couldn't get anything going and left the tournament in seventh place. He has carried that performance with him ever since.

Fast-forward one year to the 2011-2012 IP Main Event.

He carried it with him during Day 1. He carried with him when he made Day 2. When the money bubble burst, he carried it with him. When he made the final table, he still carried it with him. But when Michael Nasserazad left the tournament in seventh place, last year's performance was out the window.

"My goal was to finish better than seventh and after that I was just excited," Monroe said. "A few of the guys back home have rings, but mine gets to have a few diamonds in it."

Monroe is 44 years old and invests in rental properties in his hometown of Columbus, Georgia. He wouldn't consider himself a professional poker player, but after back-to-back final table appearances, one has to wonder how far off the label of 'pro' might be.

The heads-up battle was short and sweet. Three hands in Monroe got pocket Nines all-in against the Ace Queen of William Phillips. No Ace or Queen hit the board and Monroe placed an exclamation point on his deep run from exactly one year ago.

He earned \$112,779 and an automatic seat into the \$1 Million National Championship for his victory. He plans to send his entire family on a cruise to Europe.

Turnout at the 2011-2012 Main Event at IP Resort Casino and Spa in Biloxi, Mississippi increased almost 25 percent over last year.

In all, 337 players anted up the \$1,600 buy-in for a chance at Circuit immortality. The tournament lasted three days, including a Day 1 made up of two starting flights, A and B. Entrants eliminated in Flight A had the option of re-buying into Flight B.

Day 2 began with 173 players remaining and Charley Leroi out in front with 128,000 in chips. Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler also made it to Day 2. Unfortunately, the second day of play marked the end of the road as both players failed to make the money.

Other Day-2 notables include three-time Circuit champions, Tim Burt and Kyle Cartwright, Bossier City Main Event champion, David Nicholson, Event 8 runner-up, Beverly Cheney and Thomas Cronin who currently sits in third place on the WSOPC National Leaderboard. With her fifth cash of the 2011-2012 WSOPC and second at the IP, Cheney was the only Day 2 notable to finish in the money.

Day 3 began at 12 p.m. with only three more players needing to be eliminated to reach the official final table of nine. Jeremy Drewery began well out in front with 1,524,000 million in chips. By the time the final table was decided, players stacked up as follows:

Final Table:	Seat 1	Jeremy Drewery	Arlington, TN	1,311,000
	Seat 2	Jacob NaQuin	Destin, FL	858,000
	Seat 3	Russell Ivy	Carrizo Springs, TX	376,000
	Seat 4	Jerry Monroe	Columbus, GA	452,000
	Seat 5	David Williams	Hoover, AL	239,000
	Seat 6	Ronnie Sewell	Shelby, NC	762,000
	Seat 7	Chris Parsons	Mentor, OH	1,060,000
	Seat 8	Michael Nasserazad	Atlanta, GA	908,000
	Seat 9	William Phillips	New Orleans, LA	777,000

Ninth Place: This was David Williams' first WSOPC cash and he made it count with a ninth place finish for \$10,061. He is a 26-year-old from Hoover, Alabama where he manages his family's business.

Eighth Place: With his eighth place finish, Russell Ivy now sits second on the WSOPC National Leaderboard. If he keeps up his winnings ways he will be joining the country's most accomplished Circuit players in Las Vegas for the \$1 Million National Championship this spring.

Ivy is a 44-year-old real estate investor from Carrizo Springs, Texas.

Seventh Place: Michael Nasserazad was born in Iran and now resides in Atlanta, Georgia. He finished in seventh earning \$16,868. He is a 45-year-old business owner whose poker ambition is just to enjoy the game. He is married with one child. His brother, Michael, finished runner-up in this event last year.

Sixth Place: Ronnie Sewell left the tournament in sixth place. He now has three WSOPC final tables and five cashes.

Sewell is a former racecar driver with over 153 wins. He is a father of one (Miranda, 30) and grandfather of three, including twin girls. He resides in Shelby, North Carolina and earned \$21,737 for his finish.

Fifth Place: A fifth place finish boosted Jeremy Drewery's poker resume up to six WSOPC cashes and three final tables.

Drewery is a 36-year-old sheriff's deputy from Arlington, Tennessee. He is married with a 5-year-old boy and a 3-year-old girl. He earned \$28,420.

Fourth Place: Chris Parsons made his second final table appearance at the IP with his fourth place finish. He is a 25-year-old poker player and will bring back \$37,726 to his hometown of Mentor, Ohio.

Third Place: With nine cashes and three final tables, including a seventh place finish at the WSOP this summer, Jacob NaQuin has over \$270,000 in WSOP and WSOPC earnings.

NaQuin is a 32-year convenience store owner. He says his poker ambition is to get the money — all of it. He resides in Destin, Florida. His third place finish awarded him \$50,862.

Second Place: William "Wild Bill" Phillips is the co-owner of Gulf Coast Poker, a New Orleans-based poker website that covers poker action throughout the Gulf Coast.

He earned \$69,721 for his second place finish.

First Place: Jerry Monroe made a repeat final table appearance at the IP Main Event with his first place finish. Last year he finished seventh earning \$13,841. He placed an exclamation point on that performance with a win this year.

Monroe is 44 years old and self employed. He is married to the lovely Angie Monroe and together they have two children, Austin and Dakota. He says his poker ambition is to make the November Nine. He earned \$112,779 for the win and says he plans to send his family on a cruise to Europe with the money.

This is the eleventh of 12 ring events that took place IP Biloxi Casino Resort and Spa. Winners of all events received first-place prize money and the coveted WSOP Circuit ring. In addition, the winner of the Main Event received a seat to the \$1 million Circuit National Championship in Las Vegas. An additional seat was awarded to the individual who earned the most Circuit points at this stop. Those honors belong to Gene Dudek.

The WSOP Circuit Events at IP Biloxi Casino Resort and Spa have concluded. The next Circuit stop begins at Harvey's Lake Tahoe on November 10th and will run through the 21st.

Follow us on Twitter @WSOP or "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/worldseriesofpoker

Final Results:

<u>FINISH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
1	Jerry Monroe	COLUMBUS, GA, US	\$112,779
2	William Phillips	METAIRIE, LA, US	\$69,721
3	Jacob Naquin	DESTIN, FL, US	\$50,862
4	Chris Parsons	MENTOR, OH, US	\$37,726
5	Jeremy Drewery	ARLINGTON, TN, US	\$28,420
6	Ronald Sewell	SHELBY, NC, US	\$21,737
7	Michael Nasserazad	ATLANTA, GA, US	\$16,868
8	Russell Ivy	Carrizo Springs, TX, US	\$13,278
9	David Williams	HOOVER, AL, US	\$10,601
10	John Holley	DESTIN, FL, US	\$8,576
11	Richard Tucker	CHARLOTTE, NC, US	\$8,576
12	Roscoe Bennett	Longview, TX, US	\$8,576
13	Mark Eddleman	FAYETTEVILLE, AR, US	\$7,036
14	Michael Smith	HIRAM, GA, US	\$7,036
15	Robert Beck	SLIDELL, LA, US	\$7,036
16	Scott Lipshutz	DALLAS, TX, US	\$5,850
17	Cameron Ainsworth	BATON ROUGE, LA, US	\$5,850
18	Robert Schorr	HENDERSON, NV, US	\$5,850
19	Rex Clinkscales	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$4,928
20	Brett Schwertley	OMAHA, NE, US	\$4,928
21	Danny Alvarez	NEW YORK, NY, US	\$4,928
22	Arnold Ritchie	APEX, NC, US	\$4,207
23	Joseph Phelps	DIAMOND HEAD, MS, US	\$4,207
24	Daniel Doucet	OPELOUSAS, LA, US	\$4,207
25	Jason Schwartz	BOZEMAN, MT, US	\$3,638
26	Morris Goldstein	MARIETTA, GA, US	\$3,638
27	Richard Fried	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	\$3,638
28	Randal Dubois	ABBEVILLE, LA, US	\$3,187
29	James Henson	LAKE JACKSON, TX, US	\$3,187
30	Kenneth Milam	LA PLACE, LA, US	\$3,187
31	Beverly Cheney	GRANDBURY, TX, US	\$2,824
32	Mohammad Moeini	GULFPORT, MS, US	\$2,824
33	Stanford James	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS, US	\$2,824

34	Emmanuel Daval	Brooklyn, NY, US	\$2,535
35	Matthew Selmán	Brooklyn, NY, US	\$2,535
36	Christopher Bolek	BOCA RATON, FL, US	\$1,268
37	Phillip Weinberg	GULFPORT, MS, US	\$1,267

For more information, contact Lukas Willems, WSOP media coordinator

Phone: 920.421.1463

Email: lukasmwillems@gmail.com