



**2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Eight  
Horseshoe Hammond  
Event #11  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Final Report  
Buy-In: \$560  
Total Entries: 258  
Total Prize Pool: \$125,130  
October 23-24, 2011**

## IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...

Michigan Pro Busts Both Main Event Start Days and Takes Down Event #11.

Hammond, IN (October 25, 2011) — The WSOPC's most recent champion is 22-year-old Craig Bergeron. Bergeron beat 258 players and took home a \$30,658 first prize in Event #11, \$560 No-Limit Hold'em at Horseshoe Hammond.

Bergeron began the final table as the chip leader and never looked back. He worked his way through a table that included three-time Circuit champion, Kyle Cartwright, two-time Circuit Champion, Chris Tryba, and Horseshoe Southern Indiana Event #7 winner, Ben Kramer.

With four prior WSOP cashes, including a third place finish in last year's WSOP \$1,500 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed event for almost \$190,000, Bergeron is no stranger to tournament success. However, this marks his largest score on the Circuit and his first ring.

Four days ago Bergeron busted Day 1A of the Main Event at the Horseshoe and re-entered in Day 1B. To his dismay, the result was the same. The following day he registered for Event #11 and found himself at the final table playing for a ring only a few yards from where the Main Event's final table was playing out.

"I played the Main Event twice and it feels good to come out on top in my last event," Bergeron said. "It's good to win a little money on the trip."

The 258-person field narrowed to only 16 players remaining after the first day. When we made the final table, players stacked up like this:

### Final Table:

Seat 1	Kyle Cartwright (23)	Bartlett, TN	34,000
Seat 2	John Lauer (24)	St. Louis, MO	97,000
Seat 3	Chris Tryba (43)	Las Vegas, NV	270,000
Seat 4	Johdan Laureano (22)	Indianapolis, IN	224,000
Seat 5	Craig Bergeron (22)	Farmington Hills, MI	750,000
Seat 6	Dash Dudley (26)	Lansing, MI	182,000
Seat 7	John Fagg (28)	Terre Haute, IN	315,000
Seat 8	Ben Kramer (26)	Terre Haute, IN	638,000

**Ninth Place:**

Kyle Cartwright did what we've seen him do so many times when he made the final table of Event #11. Unfortunately, he made it by the skin of his teeth and started with only 34,000 in chips (about three big blinds at that time).

Cartwright is a 23-year-old professional poker player from Bartlett, Tennessee. This was his fifth final table in eight WSOPC cashes. He is a three-time ring winner and his ninth place finish sent him walking with \$2,805.

**Eighth Place:**

Chris Tryba is a 43-year-old poker pro from Las Vegas, Nevada. He is a two-time ringer winner and 18-time Circuit casher.

His eighth place finish was good for a \$3,507 payday.

**Fifth Place:**

Earlier this month Benjamin Kramer bested a 252-person field to take home almost \$20,000 and his first WSOPC ring. His run at a follow-up performance in Hammond came up short when he finished in fifth for \$7,545.

Kramer is a 26-year-old professional poker player from Terre Haute, Indiana.

**First Place:**

Craig Bergeron is a 22-year-old poker pro from Farmington Hills, Michigan. He attended Michigan State and studied finance before deciding to pursue poker full-time. He has over \$250,000 in career WSOP earnings, but this is his first piece of hardware.

**Winner Interview:**

What does it mean to you to win your first ring? — "I've seen a lot of hands and played a lot of poker in the last few years. It represents a lot of hard work and a lot of mistakes I've made, I'm not making them anymore. It feels good."

Talk about the money. — "It feels really good. I'm hoping it can boost me to an even bigger win later this year. I'm definitely happy."

Do you think this win can propel your poker career? — "I haven't had a good year, so this is definitely good for momentum."

This is the eleventh of 12 ring events that took place at the Horseshoe Hammond. 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 will be awarded to the individual who earns the most Circuit points at this stop.

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**Final Results:**

<b><u>FINISH</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>HOMETOWN</u></b>	<b><u>PRIZE</u></b>
1	Craig Bergeron	FARMINGTON HILLS, MI, US	\$30,658
2	Franco Cupello	THUNDER BAY, ON, CA	\$18,942
3	Joseph Laureano	INDIANAPOLIS, IN, US	\$13,685
4	Dash Dudley	LANSING, MI, US	\$10,072
5	Benjamin Kramer	TERRE HAUTE, IN, US	\$7,545
6	John Fagg	TERRE HAUTE, IN, US	\$5,750
7	John Lauer	ST PETERS, MO, US	\$4,455
8	Chris Tryba	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$3,507

9	Kyle Cartwright	BARTLETT, TN, US	\$2,805
10	Justin Rice	Commerce Township, MI, US	\$2,279
11	Tony Dam	DARLING POINT, CO, US	\$2,279
12	Cory Oshita	Chicago, IL, US	\$2,279
13	Richard Janiczek	PARK FOREST, IL, US	\$1,879
14	Daryl Gordy	RINGGOLD, GA, US	\$1,879
15	Brett Nichols	MUNSTER, IN, US	\$1,879
16	Christopher Childers	GARDNER, IL, US	\$1,574
17	Michael Sabbia	CHICAGO, IL, US	\$1,574
18	Alexander Popovich	PALATINE, IL, US	\$1,574
19	Gary Kreymer	NORTHBROOK, IL, US	\$1,339
20	Lucas Agins	Hanover Park, IL, US	\$1,339
21	Herb Heidbrick	MUNDELEIN, IL, US	\$1,339
22	Boulos Estafanous	DARIEN, IL, US	\$1,155
23	Michael Lehner	Oak Forest, IL, US	\$1,155
24	Noe Leal	CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL, US	\$1,155
25	William Spiegel	CHICAGO, IL, US	\$1,011
26	James Morrison	Crown Point, IN, US	\$1,011
27	John Roberts	Gulfport, MS, US	\$1,011

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