



2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Eight
Harrah's Tunica
Event #9
Pot-Limit Omaha Eight or Better
Buy-In: \$345
Total Entries: 197
Total Prize Pool: \$57,327
February 9-10, 2012

Final Results:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1	Rocky Boustani	Dallas, TX	\$14,908
2	Yung Hwang	Houston, TX	\$9,207
3	Michael Lutes	Bloomington, IN	\$6,648
4	Robert Purnell	Shelbyville, KY	\$4,883
5	Bradley Peeples	Coffeeville, MS	\$3,648
6	Douglas Carli	Alliance, OH	\$2,772
7	Daryn Hines	Murphsboro, IL	\$2,141
8	Jerry Ard	Monticello, MS	\$1,681
9	Sylvain Guinepain	Norman, OK	\$1,341
10	Matthew Stevens	Brecksville, OH	\$1,087
11	Steven Sanders	Lyles, TN	\$1,087
12	Craig Norals	Jackson, MS	\$1,087
13	Charles Dawson	Versailles, KY	\$895
14	Roger Schaus	Dowagiac, MI	\$895
15	Haris Galatsidas	Guelph, ON	\$895
16	Robert Fine	Canton, GA	\$749
17	Joshua Pender	Rock Hill, SC	\$749
18	John Weatherred	Glen Rose, TX	\$749
19	Melandro Alina	Hernando, MS	\$635
20	Beverly Cheney	Granbury, TX	\$635
21	Roland Israelashvili	Forest Hills, NY	\$635

Rocky Boustani Scoops PLO Eight Event at Harrah's Tunica

After Two Days Full of Highs and Lows, Dallas Project Consultant Takes Home \$14,908 First Place Prize and the WSOP Circuit Gold Ring

TUNICA, MS. – WSOP Circuit Event #9, \$345 buy-in Pot Limit Omaha concluded late Thursday at Harrah's Tunica with Rocky Boustani, a 44-year-old project consultant from Dallas, TX emerging the victor.

While Limit Omaha Eight or Better was introduced back in the 1980's, Pot-Limit Omaha Eight or Better has only been around for about six years, when it was first offered on various online poker sites. PLO Eight was first offered at the annual World Series of Poker back in 2007.

Event #9 attracted 197 players and generated a total prize pool of \$57,327. Day two saw 25 players return and after about four hours of play, it was down to the official final table of nine.

Name	Hometown	Seat	Chip Count
Michael Lutes	Bloomington, IN	1	100,000
Sylvain Guinepain	Norman, OK	2	160,000
Daryn Hines	Murphysboro, IL	3	255,000
Doug 'Rico' Carli	Alliance, OH	4	150,000
Jerry Ard	Monticello, MS	5	450,000
Rocky Boustani	Dallas, TX	6	400,000
Andy Huang	Houston, TX	7	90,000
Bradley Peedles	Coffeetown, MS	8	30,000
Rob Purnell	Shelbyville, KY	9	340,000

9th Place

After being scooped in an earlier hand, Sylvain Guinepain moved his few remaining chips in with [Qc][Qs][9h][4c] and got a call from Rob Purnell who showed [As]{Kd}[Qd][7c]. Guinepain stayed ahead after a 5-J-T flop, and 8 turn, but Purnell caught up after the [Kh] hit the river to make Broadway and eliminate Guinepain in 9th. Guinepain is a 41-year-old software engineer from Norman, OK by way of Orleans, France. Ninth place paid \$1,341.

8th Place

Jerry Ard was eliminated a few hands later after getting scooped after all-in call on the river. Doug Carli had both a wheel and six-high straight to take the pot and send Ard out in eighth. Eighth place paid \$1,681.

6th and 7th Places

Short-stacked to start the final table, Andy Huang was able to double and triple up to a substantial amount of chips.

With newfound life, Huang got involved in a hand with Carli and Daryn Hines in which he got his two opponents to commit their stacks after a [5d][Ks][Ts] flop. Carli had made a set of tens, but was trumped by Huang's set of kings. Huang remained ahead through the river and with no low possibilities, scooped the pot and sent Hines and Carli out in 6th and 7th places, respectively.

Hines is a 27-year-old retail worker from Murphysboro, IL. He collected \$2,141 for his finish. Carli, or "Rico" as he is popularly known in poker circles around the country, has played on the WSOP Circuit since season one back in 2005. The two-time WSOPC ring winner currently holds the record for most Circuit Event cashes which he extended with his 6th place finish, worth \$2,772.

4th and 5th Places

Rob Purnell and Bradley Peedles were the fourth and fifth place finishers in this event. Purnell, a 50-year-old construction worker from Shelbyville, KY, pocketed \$3,648. Peedles collected \$4,883.

After the elimination of Michael Lutes in 3rd place (\$6,648) Heads up was down to Boustani and Huang. Boustani had about 300k lead over his final opponent, which he built on through the final hand. The final hand went down, when after a board of 2-K-9-7, Boustani got Huang to move all-in with A-T-6-K, vs. his own K-2-4-8. Boustani stayed ahead, filling up with a river deuce. With no low hand, Boustani raked in the final pot of the night and was declared the winner. For his runner-up finish, Huang took home \$9,207.

Boustani is a project consultant from Dallas, TX. The married father of four has several previous WSOP-related cashes, including an in-the-money finish in the 2010 WSOP Main Event. For his performance in Event #9 at Harrah's Tunica, he pocketed \$14,908 and the WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Through nine events so far, Mathew Weber maintains a strong hold on the Harrah's Casino Champion points lead. Weber made 1st and 3rd place finishes earlier in this year's Circuit Event series at Harrah's Tunica.

The Casino Champion is the player who earns the most points through the 12 events at Harrah's Tunica. This player will earn an automatic seat to the \$1 million WSOP Circuit National Championship to be held in late May. More information about the WSOPC National Championship can be found [here](#). An explanation of the points system can be found [here](#).

Still to come are 3 events. See the complete Harrah's Tunica Circuit schedule and previous results [here](#). The WSOP Circuit Events at Harrah's Tunica runs through February 13th. You can find the complete 2010/2011 WSOP CIRCUIT SCHEDULE [here](#).

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About Harrah's Tunica

Harrah's Tunica is located 20 minutes south of Memphis, Tennessee and was originally opened in 1996 as Grand Casino. On May, 23, 2008 Paula Deen cut the official grand opening ribbon at Harrah's Tunica featuring the first of its kind Paula Deen Buffet and an interactive gaming floor that is the largest in the region. Spanning over 2,000 acres Harrah's Tunica features the Links at Cottonwoods championship golf course designed by Hale Irwin, Willows Sporting Clays and Hunting Center, the Mid-South Convention Center offering over 65,000 square feet of indoor meeting space, three elegant hotels totaling 1356 hotel rooms, the 200-space Mid-South RV Resort, Bellissimo Spa and Salon, and a 2,400 seat event center that features headline entertainment

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