

2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Nine Caesars Palace Event #8

Pot-Limit Omaha

**Buy-In: \$365** 

Total Entries: 137

Total Prize Pool: \$41,100

**February 13 – February 14, 2013** 

# **Justin Young Wins Pot-Limit Omaha Event at Caesars Palace**

## 33-year-old former engineer and Omaha specialist reigns supreme

LAS VEGAS, NV – The WSOP Circuit Events at Caesars Palace continued Thursday night with the conclusion of Event 8, the \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha Event. The winner was Justin Young, a 33-year-old former mechanical engineer turned poker pro from Henderson, NV.

For the win, Young was awarded \$11,506 and his first gold ring. It was a fitting victory for Young, whose considers himself to be a PLO specialist.

With No-Limit Hold'em continuing to dominate the poker landscape, the PLO event drew a modest but dedicated field of 137 players. 15 players claimed a share of the prize pool including Doug "Rico" Carli, who extended his record of most WSOP Circuit cashes to 72. With 29 WSOP cashes under his belt, Carli boasts the most WSOP/WSOPC combined cashes with 101.

Young is most known for his 2008 runner-up finish in the Doyle Brunson Five Diamond World Poker Classic Main Event where he took home over \$900,000. He has had modest WSOP success with numerous cashes since 2008, including a deep run in last year's WSOP Main Event, but had yet to take home a WSOP-related title until tonight.

In addition to the cash and the Ring, young earned 50 points toward the Caesars Palace Casino Championship and joins a four earlier event winners in a five-way tie for third place. Brent Hanks is currently second in point standings with 52. Event 4 winner, Tim West overtook the points lead after making a deep run in Event 7 and now sits at 60 points.

4 events are still to come. See the complete Caesars Palace Circuit schedule and event results <u>here</u>. The WSOP Circuit Events at Caesars Palace runs through February 18<sup>th</sup>. You can find the complete 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule <u>here</u>.

### Final table results:

<b>PLACE</b>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<b>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</b>	<b>CASH EARNED</b>
1	Justin Young	HENDERSON, NV, US	\$11,506
2	<b>Brant Kostandoff</b>	Vancouver, CA	\$7,113
3	Thomas Cipriano	FLORAL PARK, NY, US	\$5,134
4	Septimiu Popescu	NORTH YORK, ON, CA	\$3,773
5	Joshua Reichard	BELOIT, WI, US	\$2,820
6	Seth Weinberg	KEY WEST, FL, US	\$2,144
7	David Duong	ROSEMEAD, CA, US	\$1,658
8	Stephen Lockard	Corona, CA, US	\$1,302
9	James Hoeppner	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$1,039

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