

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
IP Casino Resort and Spa
Biloxi, MS
Event #5
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 154
Prize Pool: \$46,200
September 9-10, 2013**



Ylon Schwartz Earns Gold at IP Biloxi

2008 November Niner wins first gold ring and takes Casino Championship points lead.

Biloxi, MS (September 10, 2013) — Ylon Schwartz made the most of his second final table appearance of the 2013 WSOP Circuit at IP Casino Resort and Spa, besting the nine-handed finale, earning a WSOP Circuit gold ring, \$12,474 and taking the Casino Championship lead in the process.

Schwartz is most-widely recognized for his 4th place finish in the 2008 WSOP Main Event. He was rewarded handsomely for that result, pocketing just short of \$3.8 million, but didn't let it slow him down. He's recorded 21-WSOP related cashes in the years since including a gold bracelet victory at the 2012 WSOP. The one thing missing from his resume was a gold ring and he rectified that Tuesday night in Biloxi, MS.

The win comes just four days after Schwartz finished runner-up in Event 1 and earned 37.5 points toward the Casino Championship. His Event 5 victory yielded 50 points toward the 12-day race bringing his total to 87.5 points, well ahead of the rest of the field.

“It's nice to get a freeroll,” Schwartz said of the WSOP National Championship. “I've invested a lot of money in WSOP events and it's nice to get a little something back. I think all the players appreciate it.”

Schwartz is one of two November Niners to make a final table appearance in 2013 at IP Biloxi. The other is John Dolan who finished 4th in Event 2. Given his recent results, one might think Schwartz is constantly studying, improving and adapting his game, but he feels drastically different.

“[My game] has probably degraded [since the November Nine],” Schwartz said with a laugh. “I was hungry back then. Now things are a little more cushy. I drink a bit more wine and I own a bar. I'm probably a weaker player than I used to be.”

Despite his laid back lifestyle following the seven-figure score, Schwartz's game is good enough to put him in the elite company of Dolan, Michael Mizrachi and Dennis Phillips as the only four November Niners to record gold ring victories following their Main Event final table appearances.

Given his lead in the Casino Championship, Schwartz's laid-back lifestyle may continue as he heads home to Austin, TX for some much-deserved rest and relaxation following a few months on the road.

Event 5 was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the IP Casino Resort and Spa. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event attracted 154 entries. The total prize pool came to \$46,200 and the top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 12 p.m. and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 2 p.m. with the nine-handed final table. Play finished at about 7:15 p.m. making the total duration of the final table five hours and 15 minutes.

Notes on the Event

- While Schwartz, Dolan, Mizrachi and Phillips are the only four November Niners to earn a gold ring *following* their Main Event final table appearance, a total of seven November Niners lay claim to one. The other three are Joseph Cheong, John Racener and J.C. Tran.
- Schwartz's gold bracelet win came in a \$1,500 H.O.R.S.E. event in 2012. He earned \$267,081.
- Allan Farber needed to finish 1st or 2nd while Schwartz finished 3rd or worse to overtake the Casino Championship lead. Farber exited 8th, bringing his points total to 35 points, well short of the lead that would be set by Schwartz.
- Schwartz and Farber were the first two multiple final tablists at IP Biloxi.
- Mimi Roeder (6th) was the third female to make a final table appearance at IP Biloxi.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during IP Biloxi's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from IP Biloxi:

EVENT #1: James Pomranky defeated 220 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,502
EVENT #2: Robert Irby defeated 193 players (\$365 NLH One-Day) for \$15,056
EVENT #3: Tam Nguyen defeated 571 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$35,978
EVENT #4: Andrew Kattner defeated 127 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,668
EVENT #5: Ylon Schwartz defeated 154 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,474

With the fifth tournament wrapped, seven more ring events remain at IP Biloxi.

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