

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
IP Casino Resort and Spa
Biloxi, MS
Event #6
No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 159
Prize Pool: \$47,700
September 10-11, 2013**



Nolan Burton Breaks Through in Event 6

Aspiring pro validates his hard work with some hardware.

Biloxi, MS (September 11, 2013) — Nolan Burton didn't let Bill Mann's chip lead intimidate him in Event 6, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament. He faced the chip leader heads-up and came out on top, pocketing \$12,877, donning a WSOP Circuit gold ring and earning 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

Burton is self-described as the black sheep of his family. “My family doesn’t really understand poker,” he said. The love his family has for him is greater than the game he plays for a living, though, and they followed the action closely from his home state of Alabama.

“I think they’ll be proud. I’m ready to let them know the good news,” Burton said. “[The ring] signifies that I belong. Sometimes I lack confidence and this sort of secures that confidence... I thank God.”

Things came full circle for Burton in Event 6. During the early stages of the tournament he looked down at [Qs][Qc] and three-bet a button raise. The button moved all-in for roughly half Burton’s stack and he thought for some time before folding without knowing for certain if it was the right move.

Fast forward to heads-up play. Burton looks down at the same [Qs][Qc] and is facing an all-in bet. The call comes much easier this time and his hand holds up to earn him a gold ring and the confidence that comes along with it.

Burton has been playing tournament for three years, but he says this was his first six-handed event.

“I learned along the way even in the tournament. I lost a lot of value in some hands which was frustrating,” Burton said.

While the final table didn’t boast any gold ring winners, Burton “learned” his way through a final five that included Anthony Stabile (4th) and Mohammad Moeini (3rd). Stabile is an experienced player that placed 19th in the record-breaking \$1,500 Millionaire Maker event at this summer’s WSOP. In addition, Moeini’s WSOP resume boasts four cashes at IP Biloxi

including two final table appearances. While Burton couldn't lay claim to the same results as these two, he had the heart and determination to come out on top this particular day.

Burton is a 26-year-old professional poker player from a small community outside of Birmingham, AL called Pleasant Grove. After high school, he began student coaching for a high school team in west Alabama, but quit that pursuit to play poker fulltime.

Event 6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the IP Casino Resort and Spa. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed event attracted 159 entries. The total prize pool came to \$47,700 and the top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with the final table of six. Play finished at about 8:45 p.m. making the total duration of the final table six hours and 45 minutes.

Notes on the Event

- Anthony Stabile's 19th place finish in the Millionaire Maker meant he outlasted 99.86 percent of the 6,343-player starting field. His 4th place finish in Event 6 at IP Biloxi represented outlasting 97.48 percent of the field. This was his first final table appearance.

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
EVENT #6: Nolan Burton defeated 159 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$12,877

With the sixth tournament wrapped, six more ring events remain at IP Biloxi.

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