

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

IP Casino Resort and Spa

Biloxi, MS

Event #7

Pot-Limit Omaha

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 65

Prize Pool: \$19,500

September 10-11, 2013



Joshua Evans Earns Second Gold Ring

2011 WSOP National Championship 3rd place finisher looks to become a three-time qualifier.

Biloxi, MS (September 11, 2013) — Joshua Evans' run at a third WSOP National Championship berth started Wednesday night at IP Casino Resort and Spa. The young professional from Las Vegas, NV won a \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha event, moving him over the \$1 million mark in career WSOP earnings, and more importantly, earning him 50 points toward the National Championship.

"The points are nice," Evans said. "They're the only reason I played this event. This is my first time to ever cash in a Pot-Limit Omaha tournament."

In addition to prize money and points, Evans earned his second gold ring. He's a two-time National Championship qualifier and has had his eyes on the prize ever since a 3rd place finish in the inaugural event in 2011.

"I feel like I'm more relaxed whenever I'm playing," Evans said of what he learned from the National Championship. "It's kind of pointless to bring emotion into it. Whatever happens is going to happen. In the long run, it's not going to matter that much."

He qualified for the event again in 2012, but wasn't able to dedicate the necessary time the following year because his wife was pregnant. Evans' bid to become a three-time qualifier in 2014 is well underway, though. The victory at IP Biloxi marks his first cash of the season but with a healthy wife and newborn daughter he's prepared to travel the WSOP Circuit more in the coming months.

His road to Biloxi started three weeks ago in Dallas, TX for a 10-year high school reunion. Evans decided to play a few events at Winstar in Oklahoma while he was in the area. He did well and rather than head home he decided to drive south to Biloxi to see if he could keep the good streak alive.

"I'll probably head to Cincinnati after this. I've gotten into the freeroll every year but last year, so I'm pretty determined to get into it," Evans said.

Event 7 likely marks the first in a myriad of cashes this season for the promising young talent. Currently, he needs to earn 37.5 points to catch Ylon Schwartz in the Casino Championship points race at IP Biloxi. With five more points-eligible events remaining, including the Main Event, anything could happen in the race to Atlantic City.

Event 7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the IP Casino Resort and Spa. The \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha event attracted 65 entries. The total prize pool came to \$19,500 and the top seven players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with the seven in-the-money finishers. Play finished at about 6:30 p.m. making the total duration of the final table four and a half hours.

Notes on the Event

- Donna Murray came to the final table holding the chip leader, but finished 3rd. She was the fourth 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
EVENT #6: TBD
EVENT #7: Joshua Evans defeated 65 players (\$365 PLO) for \$6,825

With the seventh tournament wrapped, five more ring events remain at IP Biloxi.

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