

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Casino du Lac-Leamy
Gatineau, QC, CA
The Main Event (Event #7)
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$175)
Total Entries: 371
Prize Pool: \$556,500
November 19-22, 2013**



Charles Sylvestre Wins Lac-Leamy Main Event

Bracelet winner earns follow-up gold trophy and pockets \$122K in Quebec.

Gatineau, QC (November 22, 2013) — The final day of the Casino Lac-Leamy Main Event started with Charles Sylvestre on top and ended with Charles Sylvestre on top. The Quebecois WSOP bracelet winner ruled the tournament and never slowed down as he battled his way through the final 18. Sylvestre earned the \$122,435 first place prize, a WSOP Circuit gold ring and on top of that, a berth into the WSOP National Championship.

"After my unexpected WSOP bracelet this summer, to come back here to Lac-Leamy, my hometown, and ship the ring... I can't ask for better. It's an amazing feeling," Sylvestre said.

The 2013/2014 WSOP Circuit at Casino Lac-Leamy marked the first time for a WSOP event to take place in the Canadian province of Quebec. The series was a success, not only drawing 371 players for the \$1,675 finale, but drawing rave reviews from players.

"[The tournament] was very nice and well organized," Sylvestre said. "For the first event in the province of Quebec it was amazing. Overall it was a success and very well organized."

The final day of the Main Event started with 18 hopefuls and Sylvestre with a two-to-one chip lead over his nearest challenger, Canadian pro Mike Leah.

In the second level of play on Day 3 we witnessed an epic clash between Daniel Charette, who held the chip lead for quite a while on Day 2, and Leah. Leah crippled Charette who bluffed all-in on the turn against Leah's set. Charette was knocked out not too long after this while Leah was now very close to Sylvestre.

In a matter of hands we also said goodbye to Gabriel Menard (16th, \$6,400), Jeremie Trepanier (15th, \$7,691) and Jason Sagle (14th, \$7,691), the latter finished 23rd in the WSOP Main Event won by Greg Raymer in 2004.

After Richard Reimer busted in 13th place (\$7,691) two six-handed tables remained. When short-handed play began it became clear Sylvestre showed up to win.

At the start of the final table it was local favorite Vladimir Faubert who fell to Sylvestre's ever-growing stack. Sylvestre had his opponent crushed in a pre-flop confrontation holding kings to Faubert's queens. The board brought blanks and Faubert took home \$9,371 for his 10th-place finish. Sylvestre had amassed 2.1 million chips already at this point with 7.4 million in play.

Leah had lost quite a few chips since doubling through Charette but pulled another trick out of his hat to stay alive. Leah moved all in from early position with two fives and Ioannis Pentefountas called with ace-king suited. Leah's hand held up, Pentefountas was crippled and knocked out two hands later. Pentefountas cashed \$14,491 for his ninth-place finish.

Adam Podstawka was next to go in eighth place when his queen-eight did not improve versus Justin Dean's king-queen suited. Podstawka cashed \$14,491 and more importantly earned 27.5 points toward the Casino Championship, a race he now leads. Five events still need to be completed but if Podstawka remains at the top he secures himself a berth into the National Championship next spring.

When five players remained there seemed to a battle for second place behind the immense stack Sylvestre had gathered. Leah was one of the contenders but he ran ace-king into John Nelson's aces. Nelson now sat firmly in second place while Leah was eliminated in fifth place cashing \$30,953.

The last lady standing, Dinara Khaziyeva, fought a tough fight but eventually she lost a big coinflip to end her impressive run. Khaziyeva's pocket tens seemed safe against Nelson's ace-queen when the flop brought mere low cards. The turn did not change anything when a king popped up, but on the river the ace of spades knocked her out. Khaziyeva walked away with \$55,283, her biggest live tournament cash to date, a fact made even more impressive because she satellited into the tournament on EspaceJeux.com.

Because of Nelson's late surge he started with the chip lead going into the heads-up battle.

John Nelson - 5,200,000 (130 BBs)

Charles Sylvestre - 2,200,000 (55 BBs)

"I started the heads-up with about 30 percent of the chips, but I knew one double up would get me right back in. I had my double and I managed to ship it. I'm very happy," Sylvestre said.

The total final table lasted just over six hours and the heads-up portion no more than 30 minutes. Sylvestre turned things in his favor and came out victorious catching Nelson on a big bluff.

On the final hand Nelson three-bet the river all in with just six-high and Sylvestre called with trip deuces. Nelson was knocked out in second place for \$75,656 and Sylvestre was crowned WSOP Circuit Main Event champion.

The French Canadian now has a WSOP bracelet and a WSOP Circuit Main Event title, a very impressive feat.

"The bracelet is like the best possible thing, but [the ring] is another nice reward. I'm really happy to add it to my poker resume," Sylvestre said.

The Main Event was the seventh of 10 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Casino Lac-Leamy. The \$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 371 entries generating a \$556,500 prize pool. The top 45 players were paid.

The tournament featured two starting flights beginning Tuesday and Wednesday at 12 p.m. and playing nine levels a piece.

Friday's flight boasted 163 entries and advanced 86. Saturday's flight boasted 170 and advanced 99.

Registration for the tournament closed after the second level of Day 2 and thirty-eight players entered during that time bringing the Day 2 field to 223.

Day 3 began Friday at 1 p.m. with 18 players.

The final table began shortly after 4 p.m. and concluded at about 10 p.m. making the duration of the finale just under six hours.

Final table seating assignments and chip counts:

(NOTE: final table blinds began at 10,000/20,000 with a 3,000 ante)

Seat 1: Charles Sylvestre - 1,700,000 (85 BBs)
Seat 2: Adam Podstawka - 215,000 (10 BBs)
Seat 3: Justin Dean - 443,000 (22 BBs)
Seat 4: Vladimir Faubert - 481,000 (24 BBs)
Seat 5: Sol Bergren - 911,000 (45 BBs)
Seat 6: Bryan Moon - 725,000 (36 BBs)
Seat 7: Dinara Khaziyeva - 720,000 (36 BBs)
Seat 8: Ioannis Pentefountas - 455,000 (22 BBs)
Seat 9: John Nelson - 1,060,000 (53 BBs)
Seat 10: Mike Leah - 736,000 (36 BBs)

About the final table:

1st: Charles Sylvestre - \$122,435
Hometown: St. Bruno, QC, CA
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$526,943
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

2nd: John Nelson - \$75,656
Hometown: Curtice, OH
WSOP earnings: \$179,436
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$28,180

3rd: Dinara Khaziyeva - \$55,283
Hometown: Montreal QC, CA
WSOP earnings: \$0
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$2,576

4th: Sol Bergren - \$41,047
Hometown: Saskatoon, SK, CA
WSOP earnings: \$112,660
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$2,410

5th: Mike Leah - \$30,953
Hometown: Toronto, ON, CA
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$302,656
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$135,667

6th: Justin Dean - \$23,690
Hometown: Pembroke, ON, CA
Occupation: Runs Canadian Waste recycling
WSOP earnings: \$2,542
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

7th: Bryan Moon - \$18,398
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$0
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$38,401

8th: Adam Podstawka - \$14,491
Hometown: Hamilton, ON, CA
WSOP earnings: \$3,356
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$23,979

9th: Ioannis Pentefountas - \$11,575
Hometown: Rosemere, QC, CA
Occupation: Real estate investor
WSOP earnings: \$0
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

10th: Vladimir Faubert - \$9,371
Hometown: St-Adele, QC, CA
WSOP earnings: \$0
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

Notes on the Event

- The 2013/2014 WSOP Circuit at Casino Lac-Leamy marks the first WSOP event in the Canadian province of Quebec.
- Dinara Khaziyeva (third) earned her Main Event seat in a satellite tournament on EspaceJeux.com.
- Main Event dealers donated 100 percent of their tips to the ONE DROP charity.
- American players to finish in the money were Pratyush Buddiga (35th), Bryan Moon (fifth) and John Nelson (second). DJ Mackinnon is the only other American player to have cashed an event at Lac-Leamy. He finished 18th in Event 6.

- Adam Podstawka took the Casino Championship lead with his eighth-place finish. He lays claim to 80 points, just 2.5 more than Marc Carpentier who placed 38th in the Main Event. Five more ring events remain to be decided.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Casino Lac-Leamy's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns 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 50 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 Casino Lac-Leamy:

EVENT #1: Aila Elouta defeated 282 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$20,303

EVENT #2: Andrej Markovinovic defeated 167 players (\$580 NLH) for \$22,546

EVENT #3: Marc Carpentier defeated 265 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,477

EVENT #4: Andre Smith defeated 165 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$44,547

EVENT #5: Nicola Basile defeated 173 players (\$580 NLH) for \$23,355

EVENT #6: Garabet Dokmajian defeated 163 players (\$365 NLH) for \$13,203

THE MAIN EVENT: Charles Sylvestre defeated 371 players (\$1,675 NLH) for \$122,435

With the Main Event tournament wrapped, three more ring events remain at Casino Lac-Leamy and two more on EspaceJeux.com.

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