



2015 WSOP OFFICIAL REPORT

EVENT #36: \$1,500 Pot-Limit Omaha

ENTRIES: 978

PRIZE POOL: \$1,320,300

FIRST PLACE PRIZE: \$267,435

PLACES PAID: 117

CORRIE WUNSTEL GOES MARCHING IN

Baton Rouge Circuit Grinder Wins First WSOP Gold Bracelet in Pot-Limit Omaha, Collects \$267,435

Tournament Extends into Fourth Day, as Wunstel Defeats Stubborn Kevin Saul Heads-Up

MEET THE LATEST WSOP GOLD BRACELET CHAMPION

Name: Corrie Wunstel

Current Residence: Baton Rouge, LA

Number of WSOP Cashes: 6

Number of WSOP Final Table Appearances: 1

Number of WSOP Gold Bracelet Victories: 1

Best Previous WSOP Finish: 20th (2015 \$5,000 No-Limit Hold'em)

Total WSOP Earnings: \$393,595

Personal Fact: Wunstel has 23 WSOP Circuit cashes including a WSOP Circuit gold ring, won back in 2010.

[Note: All statistics above include the results of this tournament]

Corrie Wunstel defeated a field of 978 players to win the \$1,500 buy-in Pot-Limit Omaha tournament (Event #36) at the 2015 World Series of Poker. He earned first-place prize money of \$267,435 and the first gold bracelet of his career as a longtime poker grinder.

Wunstel survived a wild final table that had numerous ups and downs. During five-handed play, the tournament hit a lull where the shortest stacks continued to double-up time after time. Five-handed play was grueling for all of the players and lasted nearly three hours long. Eventually Matthew Colvin bowed out in fifth place when he flopped a pair of kings, but ran into Saul's pocket aces in the hole. The pace of the tournament then picked back up with Peter Levine (finishing 4th) and Jim Karambinis (finishing 3rd) following Colvin out the door just a short time later. The heads-up match was then suspended, and was forced into an unscheduled fourth day of action, which was won by Wunstel, who started the final session with nearly a 2 to 1 chip advantage, although he lost his lead at one point and was forced to make a major comeback.

Indeed, Saul won a series of key hands which hurt Wunstel, and flip flopped the chip lead. Wunstel seemed to be getting just strong enough cards to be forced into making calls, which were marginally below the strength of Saul's cards. However, the turning point of the match came when Saul had Wunstel all in and covered with a made straight, only to see Wunstel hit a full house on the river and the board paired. That swung the tournament back in Wunstel's favor and he won the victory a short time later.

Afterwards, Wunstel shied away from interviews and didn't have much to say on his own behalf. He did wish to say the following: "I became a Christian a few months ago. This victory is all for him and his glory. I had nothing to do with it. This victory really means nothing to me without him and his blessing."

The final table did not feature any gold bracelet winners, but did have three WSOP Circuit gold ring winners in Wunstel (1 win), Saul (1 win), and Colvin (2 wins). It was the largest WSOP related financial score for every final table participant, except for Kevin Allen and Kevin Saul.

Pot-Limit Omaha has become a game of preference all over the world as a popular alternative to No-Limit Hold'em, and it continues to grow here at the World Series of Poker. Just last week, the \$1,000 Pot-Limit Omaha event broke the record for the largest live non-hold'em event ever. The tournament, which was won by Aaron Wallace, drew a staggering 1,293 entries. There are three Pot-Limit Omaha events remaining on the 2015 schedule -- including the \$3,000 PLO 6-handed event, the \$10,000 PLO Championship, and the highly anticipated \$25,000 High Roller PLO event.

Following Wunstel's finish in the top spot, the descending order of results was as follows:

Second Place: Kevin Saul now has 19 WSOP cashes with his 2nd-place finish. He collected \$165,147. Saul won a WSOP Circuit gold ring at Foxwoods a few years ago. His first WSOP cash was back in 2007.

Third Place: Jim Karambinis, from Chicago, Illinois. This marks his second cash of the series and third overall. Karambinis recorded his first career cash in 2013, which was also a Pot-Limit Omaha event. He earns the third place money of \$103,537 for his third place finish.

Fourth Place: Peter Levine, a marketing executive from Woodland Hills, California finished in fourth place. This marks Levine's eighth WSOP cash and is his first final table. This is Levine's first cash in Pot-Limit Omaha, but he has recorded five cashes in Pot-Limit Omaha 8 or Better with the other two cashes coming in No-Limit Hold'em.

Fifth Place: Matthew Colvin, from Dallas, Texas finished in fifth place. He is a two-time WSOP Circuit gold ring winner. This marks Colvin's 27th related WSOP cash, 25 which have come on the Circuit. This cash of \$55,479 is his largest and pushes his total WSOP tournament earnings into six figures.

Sixth Place: Markus Cara finished in sixth place. Kara is a financial analyst from Toronto, Canada. This is the 27-year-olds second career cash, both coming this year.

Seventh Place: Bryce Fox, a 41-year-old from Pittsburgh, PA cashed for the first time at the WSOP. He has one Circuit cash to his name, which also happens to be seventh place finish. Fox is a professional poker who previously worked as a personal trainer.

Eighth Place: Kevin Allen, from Romford, England, cashed in 8th place. This is the seventh time Allen has cashed as the WSOP, all which have come the past three years. He finished 222nd in the 2013 Main Event for just over \$40,000.

Ninth Place: Ke Chao Ni, not only does this mark Ni's first ever WSOP final table, but it is also his first WSOP cash. Ni was born in China and now resides here in the United States.

OTHER IN-THE-MONEY FINISHERS:

Aside from the final table finishers, other notable players who cashed included – Jonathan Little (25th place), Max Pescatori (45th), Noah Schwartz (54th), Thor Hansen and Tom Schneider (57th).

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