



## 2016 WSOP OFFICIAL REPORT

### ALLAN LE WINS \$1,500 BUY-IN MIXED OMAHA EVENT

Southern California poker pro collects \$189,223 top prize in Event #53

Le becomes first of three poker-playing brothers to win a WSOP gold bracelet

Germany's Phillipp Elrisch finishes as runner up

Gavin Smith returns to final table -- comes in 4th

### MEET THE LATEST WSOP GOLD BRACELET CHAMPION

Name: Allan Le

Age: 30

Current Residence: Huntington Beach, CA

Profession: Poker Player

Number of WSOP Cashes: 30

Number of WSOP Final Table Appearances: 2

Number of WSOP Gold Bracelet Victories (with this tournament): 1

Best Previous WSOP Finish: 4<sup>th</sup> (2011)

Total WSOP Earnings: \$613,564

Allan Le is the newest member of poker's gold bracelet club.

The professional poker player from Huntington Beach, CA won the \$1,500 buy-in Mixed Pot-Limit Omaha High-Low Split/Omaha High-Low Split/Big O tournament, which was played over three days and nights and just concluded on the ESPN main stage at the Rio in Las Vegas.

Le collected \$189,223 in prize money, making this one of the biggest wins of his career. Le previously won a High Roller tournament. He now has 30 cashes at the WSOP.

Le won his victory by coming out on top at a final table which included a mixture of newcomers and tournament veterans. The moment of triumph came when Le had a huge chip lead and scooped the final pot of the tournament against Phillipp Elrisch, from Germany, who finished as the runner up.

Le is one of three prominent poker-playing brothers. He's the youngest of a family that also includes Nam Le and Tommy Le. However, Allan is the first to win the coveted gold bracelet.

This was a first-time event on the WSOP schedule. The format included three varieties of Omaha High-Low Split – pot-limit, limit, and Big O.

This tourney attracted 668 entrants which created a prize pool totaling \$901,800. The top 101 finishers collected prize money.

Aside from the winner, here's a brief report of the other top finishers who made the final table:

**Second Place:** Phillip Elrisch (Berlin, Germany) -- \$116,915

**Third Place:** Cody Crouch (Amarillo TX) -- \$79,403

**Fourth Place:** Gavin Smith (Guelph, ON – Canada) -- \$54,889

**Fifth Place:** Keith Ferrera (Las Vegas, NV) -- \$38,634

**Sixth Place:** Yuval Bronshtein (Tel Aviv, Israel) -- \$27,696

**Seventh Place:** David Bach (Athens, GA) -- \$20,229

**Eighth Place:** Gary Bolden (Las Vegas, NV) -- \$15,059

**Ninth Place:** John Monnette, from Palmdale, CA \$11,431

This was the 53<sup>rd</sup> official event on this year's schedule. This leaves 16 gold bracelet events still to go at the 2016 WSOP.

#### **OTHER NOTABLE IN-THE MONEY FINISHERS:**

Jason Somerville, a gold bracelet winner, cashed for the 25<sup>th</sup> time in his career by taking 26<sup>th</sup> place.

Michael "the Grinder" Mizrachi inched closer to the \$7 million mark in career WSOP earnings by coming in 31<sup>st</sup> place. Mizrachi own three gold bracelets and is the only player to have won the prestigious "Poker Players Championship" twice.

Mike Leah, a gold bracelet winner who also owns three WSOP Circuit gold rings, came in 38<sup>th</sup> place. This was his 44<sup>th</sup> career cash at the series.

Vladimir Shchemelev, a top Russian player and gold bracelet winner, took 40<sup>th</sup> place. This was his 29<sup>th</sup> career cash at the series.

Ofer Zvi Stern, from Israel, who made last year's WSOP Main Event Championship final table, finishing in fifth place, came in 52<sup>nd</sup> place.

Frankie O'Dell, winner of two gold bracelets, finished in 61<sup>st</sup> place.

Ted Forrest, who's won six gold bracelets, came in 63<sup>rd</sup> place.

Barry Greenstein, a three-time gold bracelet winner and member of the Poker Hall of Fame, took 91<sup>st</sup> place.

Eli Elezra, three-time gold bracelet winner, finished 94<sup>th</sup>.

### **FUN FACTS:**

The ages of participants ranged from 21 to 92. The eldest player in the field was Constantin Zdanowic. The average player age was 42.

The breakdown of player nationalities for this event was 544 Americans and 124 players from elsewhere. The top five nations represented was the United States, Great Britain, Russia, Canada, and France.

The breakdown of participants by gender was 95.4 percent males (519 players) and 4.6 percent females (42 players).

### **EVENT DIRECT LINKS:**

For this event's official final results (listing all players who finished in-the-money), please visit:

<http://www.wsop.com/tournaments/results.asp?grid=1232&tid=14953>

For Allan Le's official player profile page, please visit:

<http://www.wsop.com/players/playerProfile.asp?playerID=28138>

For the live reporting logs for this event, please visit:

<http://www.wsop.com/tournaments/updates.asp?grid=1232&tid=14953>

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