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Stacy Fuson
Heats up Planet Hollywood
and the Las Vegas Strip

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2	Fri, Oct 17	4PM	Pot-Limit Omaha w/re-buys	\$500 + \$50
3	Sat, Oct 18	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em	\$500 + \$50
4	Sat, Oct 18	11AM	Ladies No-Limit Hold'em (1 day)	\$300 + \$45
5	Sun, Oct 19	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em	\$500 + \$50
6	Sun, Oct 19	11AM	Ladies No-Limit Hold'em (1 day)	\$200 + \$35
7	Mon, Oct 20	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em	\$300 + \$40
8	Mon, Oct 20	4PM	Omaha Hi-Low 8/better	\$300 + \$40
9	Tues, Oct 21	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em	\$300 + \$40
10	Wed, Oct 22	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em	\$300 + \$40
11	Thurs, Oct 23	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em	\$500 + \$50
12	Fri, Oct 24	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em	\$500 + \$50
	Sat, Oct 25	12, 4 & 8PM	Mega Satellite	\$500 + \$40
13	Sun, Oct 26	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em Championship	\$5,000+\$150
	Mon, Oct 27	12PM	Day 2 of Championship Event	
14	Mon, Oct 27	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em	\$200 + \$30
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Hurricane Gustav put an abrupt end to the 2008 Beau Rivage Gulf Coast Poker Championship held this past month in Biloxi, MS. The 'Championship' got off to a great start with fields of 520 and 573 in the first two events. As Gustav gained momentum and threatened The Coast, the attendance dropped off in events 3 and 4 and ultimately, the order was given to evacuate. It's a shame, because it was shaping up to be one of the most attended poker events to date on The Coast. There's no doubt the decision to get everyone out of harms way was the right one. The Gulf Coast has been relatively quiet, with regard to hurricanes, since Katrina devastated the area 3 years earlier, almost to the day, on August 29th, 2005. Those in attendance this year, although disappointed, wisely followed the advice of the authorities and got out. Many headed up to The Beau's sister property, The Gold Strike in Tunica, MS. to ride out the storm there.

The Rounder Girls also headed to Tunica, and by the time you read this, they will have participated in the first official Rounder Girl Bounty Poker Tournament. 12 Rounder girls will participate in the special event as 'bounty' players. The players who bust out each girl, will receive a cash prize. It's been fun listening to the girls as they prepare for the event. Most have held home games with friends as preparation, or played on play money sites on the internet. We'll see if we can produce the next Vanessa Rousso or Tiffany Michelle. I think they'll do well. I know I can't figure them out.

What more can we say about John Phan's successful run that hasn't already been said. His accomplishments in the last couple of months are just incredible. His career prior to "The Run" was very good. It's not like he came out of nowhere, but the adjustments he's made have elevated his game and put him in the elite category of tournament players. I don't think we've heard all we're going to hear from John Phan this year. If you are fortunate enough to meet "The Razor", hopefully for your sake he won't be sitting on your left, you'll understand why so many people are thrilled to see him succeed. His heart is as big as his bankroll. In a sport that needs heroes and a feel good story, John Phan is it. Please visit his official website at johntherazorphan.com and his myspace profile. It will warm your heart.

The auction style draft we held at The Planet Hollywood Sportsbook for our Fantasy Football Challenge was a blast. There is definitely a lot of football knowledge needed to win this and 'bluffing' was a big part of the equation at the draft. Just as they do in poker, the top players tried to get inside their opponents head by portraying strength, or in this case interest, in certain players to drive up the price. If you could make the other teams pay more for a player than they wished, it helped later on as they became "short stacked". Please visit rawvegas.tv for footage of the event.

We met cover girl Anna Fekete this year during the WSOP in Las Vegas. Anna, who's of Hungarian descent, was born in Las Vegas and loves the city. Her shoot took place at The Hawaiian Tropic Zone, at The Miracle Mile Shops located inside Planet Hollywood Casino & Resort. That's also where we met the exotic stunner. We were captivated by her friendly smile and her bikini uniform, of course. Everyone seems to notice Anna wherever she goes. Maybe it's the shoulder pads.



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11.04.08	Noon	No Limit Hold'em \$230
11.04.08	4pm	No Limit Hold'em with Re-buys \$60 w/\$20 Rebuys
11.05.08	Noon	No Limit Hold'em \$230
11.05.08	4pm	No Limit Hold'em with Re-buys \$60 w/\$20 Rebuys
11.06.08	Noon	No Limit Hold'em \$230
11.06.08	4pm	Omaha Hi Limit \$120
11.07.08	Noon	No Limit Hold'em \$340
11.08.08	Noon	Main Event No Limit Hold'em \$1,100
11.09.08	Noon	10K Guaranteed No Limit Hold'em \$120
10.29.08 - 11.8.08	6pm	Daily No Limit Hold'em Second Chance Guaranteed Prize Pools
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10.29.08 - 11.08.08	Midnight	Turbo No Limit Hold'em \$60
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Excalibur and its 4000+ rooms are a huge and impressive presence across the street from the MGM Grand and New York/New York but the action is going on inside. This hotel has tried to offer a lot for the children and a huge casino for the parents all at a low price. Rates for guest rooms and suites range from \$51 to \$999. Excalibur's vast array of merriment options provides entertainment for all ages.

The Casino boasts more than 100,000 square feet of gaming area. Players can enjoy more than 1,700 slot, video poker and video keno machines, as well as a variety of table games ranging from single-deck Blackjack to Let It Ride. Excalibur also boasts a 12-table Poker Room and a 146-seat Race & Sports Book which includes live-action Keno. As an added feature, They provide complimentary gaming lessons for Roulette, Blackjack, Craps and Poker.

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ENTERTAINMENT

“Tournament of Kings” Dinner Show at the Excalibur Hotel is the last true dinner show in Las Vegas. “Tournament of Kings” is a live production adapted from the tale of King Arthur performed in a 900-seat, theater-in-the-round-style arena with an earthen floor. The show engages the audience through its tale of valor and treachery. Mighty horses and feats of skill, special effects and pyrotechnics further add to the unique appeal of the production. Throughout the performance, a hearty three-course meal is served in the spirit and tradition of the medieval period – sans utensils. Take your kids to a show where they can eat with their hands and are encouraged to be loud. You get the action of the horses and the jousting and a little violence; nothing more than they see regularly on TV.

Fantasy Faire Midway has fun and games for guests of all ages. You will find a multitude of carnival-style and arcade games with a medieval flair abounding. A variety of Motion Machine Film Rides provide thrills for the adventurous. Guest can chase an elusive pickle in “SpongeBob SquarePants 4-D,” ride horseback in “Corkscrew Hill,” and enjoy other exciting adventures.

“TOURNAMENT OF KINGS” DINNER SHOW AT THE EXCALIBUR HOTEL IS THE LAST TRUE DINNER SHOW IN LAS VEGAS.

BARS AND LOUNGES

Guests can gear up for a high-energy night at Octane, the hottest classic rock bar in Las Vegas, featuring a display of custom-designed motorcycles. Octane is located on the Castle Walk directly in front of the Thunder From Down Under Showroom. Specialty drinks, such as The Blood, Sweat and Gears Cosmo; Tailpipe Wind and High Octane Kiss, are served with style by a team of energetic bartenders and servers. Dressed in black leather motorcycle-style outfits, the staff performs numerous upbeat dance routines throughout the evenings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Settle in to watch the game or relax with a friend inside The Lounge on the casino floor. Open 24 hours, this full-service bar and lounge offers live music nightly and large-screen television screens to enjoy the big game.

RESTAURANTS

RoundTable Buffet – Located on the Castle Walk, the buffet serves a variety of entrees, salads and desserts at moderate prices for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Dick’s Last Resort – This quintessential vacation hangout serves up massive cocktails and finger foods by the bucket with a heaping helping of sass on the side. Wacky-tacky décor, live music and feisty service create a raucous dining experience not soon forgotten. A mouth-watering menu includes Sloppy Beef Ribs, Messy Honey-Roasted Chicken and Juicy Crab Legs. Skip the utensils for finger-lickin’ fun.

The Steakhouse at Camelot – The table-side service at The Steakhouse at Camelot is choreographed and tailored to each party’s menu selections. For special gatherings, four private rooms are available, including the Chef’s Table, which features a large window into the display kitchen, enabling guests to watch as their meals are artfully prepared before their eyes.

Regale Ristorante – The comfortable, welcoming surroundings of Regale Italian Eatery inspire guests to relax and enjoy. The tantalizing aromas and Italian-countryside setting provide the perfect back-drop for the menu featuring specialties inspired by traditional favorites of northern and southern Italy. An impressive wine list complements Regale’s extensive menu.

Castle Walk Food Court – For quick bites, a variety of fast food favorites are conveniently located on the Castle Walk: McDonald’s, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Starbuck’s Coffee, Cold Stone Creamery, Pizza Hut Express, Manchu WOK and Quiznos Subs.

Sherwood Forest Café – A cozy, traditional 24-hour coffee shop on the casino level offering a variety of menu selections, Sherwood Forest Café was awarded AOL CityGuide’s Best Family Friendly Restaurant for its serving of hearty and healthy foods for families on the go.



CANTERBURY WEDDING CHAPEL


The chapel provides a romantic and elegant setting for memorable occasions. The staff provides a full range of services, including photography, floral design and wedding packages. For those who wish to celebrate in the style of King Arthur, the chapel offers a variety of medieval attire for the couple and wedding party.

Meetings and Conventions as well as wedding parties find everything they need at Excalibur. More than 12,000 square feet of space in eight rooms ranging from a Great Hall to smaller gathering spaces, provide groups with a variety of intimate options. Catering services also are available.

ROYAL TREATMENT SPA & FITNESS CENTER

To further guest comfort, Excalibur offers the Royal Treatment Spa & Fitness Center. The 13,000-square-foot, world-class spa overlooks the pool area and offers everything needed to relax or workout. Featuring body wraps, massages, Aveda™ facial services and a state-of-the-art fitness center, the spa also offers separate relaxation areas for men and women. Each relaxation area contains a whirlpool, steam room, sauna, showers, lounge and fully equipped changing area.

THE POOL

A paradise fit for royalty, Excalibur’s new pool area now features lush tropical landscape with 30,000 square feet of additional space for ample seating. Four luxurious pools, including a separate pool for guests 16 years of age or older, two water slides and 17 cabanas, each stocked with all the essentials to keep cool, offer guests everything they need for a fun day in the sun. Just steps from the pool, ‘Drenched’ offers the latest in casual poolside dining featuring American fare and a full-service bar. 





Q & A with Tom Gitto

The Director of Poker Operations for the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, which is hosting its annual U.S. Poker Championship starting this month. He took time out from preparations to answer some of our questions.

WHAT IS YOUR HISTORY IN THE POKER BUSINESS?

Poker in Atlantic City was not legalized until 1993 so I worked on the table games. I did that for 13 years and then I was trained by Tom Bowling and some other guys from California, and they trained us for about three months and as soon as we opened our poker room their crew went back to California to open up Hollywood Park so we just took over here and it's been great ever since. I started out as a supervisor and worked my way up to shift manager, poker room manger, director.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE STATE OF POKER IN ATLANTIC CITY AND HOW IT DIFFERS FROM LAS VEGAS?

I think the biggest difference is the rules and regulations that we have to follow here in Atlantic City. In Las Vegas it's a lot easier. When players start a game out there they get to bring chips to the table, things we haven't been able to overcome out here. Here players can buy chips from the dealer or the cashier's cage. There, supervisors can go to the window and buy racks and racks of chips and bring them over. It's all done in two seconds, something I'd love to have here. The rules and regulations are the biggest difference. As far as the play, the action seems to be a lot better here on the East Coast. Over there you see 90 percent of the rooms are smaller than here. You see a lot bigger games here than you see over there.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES YOU SEE THE POKER INDUSTRY FACING IN THE COMING YEARS?

I think one is standardizing the rules, which is very difficult. Different tours, different organizers want to do that – to standardize the rules – but it never seems to happen. That seems to be one of the challenges. Internet gaming has been a big boom in recent years so obviously them taking it out of play is a challenge. We want to get that back. Having the internet actually helped us a lot. It's an incubator for us. It provided so many players and now you're going to see a big drop off and it's already happening. Attendance is down all over the country and I think it has a lot to do with the online gaming situation.

WHAT IS NEW AND IMPROVED THIS YEAR AT THE U.S. POKER CHAMPIONSHIP?

Here at the Taj we have redone the room so it's a brand new room and we've added a new tower with 800 more rooms so now players can get rooms. Getting rooms in Atlantic City is always difficult, especially on the weekends. Since we added 800 rooms now we're over 2,000. That's great news for poker here at the Taj. We have a bad beat jackpot. It has hit four times this month already, once for \$125,000. So that's new here at the Taj. We have a high hand promotion three times a day. We have a football promotion for poker players only, where you can win up to a million dollars.

WHAT SORT OF CHANGES DID YOU MAKE TO THE ROOM?

New chairs, new carpet, new painting. We changed the configuration so now there's more space between tables. At one time we had 80 tables and now we are at 70.

ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO ADD ANY NEW POKER EVENTS?

Yes, we are actually looking at having a third event. Our guys are sitting down as we speak to talk about that so hopefully you'll hear news soon about it. We also have the Trump Classic every December.

DO YOU STILL HAVE PLAYERS WHO COME TO THE TAJ WHO ARE AWED THAT THIS IS THE ROOM FROM "ROUNDERS"?

Absolutely. We hear it all the time, especially at the sign-up desk. When we're at the podium waiting for people to sign up we can hear them talking. You'll hear a guy tell his girlfriend this is where the guys from "Rounders" played and they shot the movie here. They'll get a camera out to take pictures, things like that. **R**



SUPER SATELLITES SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	4:15pm	Act I Super Satellite	\$110 + \$20
	8:15pm	Act I Super Satellite	\$210 + \$25
Saturday	4:15pm	Act I Super Satellite	\$210 + \$25
	8:15pm	Act II Super Satellite	\$1,000 + \$80
Sunday	4:15pm	Act I Super Satellite	\$210 + \$25
	8:15pm	*Super Satellite	\$300 + \$40

BUY-IN	CHIPS	TIME PER LEVEL
\$300 + \$40	\$5,000	45 MINUTES
\$500 + \$50	\$5,000	50 MINUTES
\$1,000 + \$80	\$8,000	55 MINUTES
\$9,700 + \$300	\$30,000	90 MINUTES

DATE		EVENT	BUY-IN/ENTRY FEE	
Sept. 14	Sun.	11:15am	Limit Hold `em	\$300 + \$40
Sept. 15	Mon.	11:15am	Seven Card Stud	\$500 + \$50
Sept. 16	Tues.	11:15am	Seven Card Stud H/L 8 or better	\$500 + \$50
Sept. 17	Wed.	11:15am	Omaha H/L 8 or better	\$500 + \$50
Sept. 18	Thurs.	11:15am	2-Way P/L Hold `em & P/L Omaha	\$500 + \$50
Sept. 19	Fri.	11:15am	H-O-S-E (Hold `em-Omaha H/L-Stud-Stud H/L)	\$500 + \$50
Sept. 20	Sat.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em	\$500 + \$50
Sept. 21	Sun.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em	\$300 + \$40
Sept. 22	Mon.	11:15am	Seven Card Stud	\$300 + \$40
Sept. 23	Tues.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em (6 max.)	\$300 + \$40
Sept. 24	Wed.	11:15am	P/L Omaha H/L 8 or better	\$300 + \$40
Sept. 25	Thurs.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em	\$300 + \$40
Sept. 26	Fri.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em (6 max.)	\$500 + \$50
Sept. 27	Sat.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em	\$1,000 + \$80
Sept. 28	Sun.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em Seniors Only (50 yrs.)	\$300 + \$40
		1:15pm	No Limit Hold `em Ladies Only	\$300 + \$40
Sept. 29	Mon.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em	\$300 + \$40
Sept. 30	Tues.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em (6 max.)	\$300 + \$40
Oct. 1	Wed.	11:15am	Omaha H/L 8 or better	\$300 + \$40
Oct. 2	Thurs.	11:15am	Pot Limit Hold `em	\$500 + \$50
Oct. 3	Fri.	11:15am	*Mega Super Satellite	\$1,000 + \$80
		4:15pm	*Super Satellite	\$500 + \$50
		8:15pm	*Super Satellite	\$1,000 + \$80
Oct. 5	Sun.	10:15am	Last Chance Super Satellite	\$1,000 + \$80
		3:15pm	No Limit Hold `em Main Event (Day 1)	\$9,700 + \$300
Oct. 6	Mon.	11:15am	Seven Card Stud	\$300 + \$40
		1:15pm	No Limit Hold `em Main Event (Day 2)	
Oct. 7	Tues.	11:15am	No Limit Hold `em	\$300 + \$40
		1:15pm	No Limit Hold `em Main Event (Day 3)	
Oct. 8	Wed.	11:15am	P/L Omaha H/L 8 or better	\$300 + \$40
		11:00am	Final Table - No Limit Hold `em Main Event	

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College Football Kickoff

BY FAIRWAY JAY



College football kicked off Labor Day weekend, and for the hundreds of 'Fairway Followers' and personal clients, it was a 'birdie' on opening night as we delivered the 'green' with South Carolina's big 34-0 shutout over North Carolina State. I provided a full analysis of that contest and you can review the write-up in my blog at sportsmemo.com. Essentially, I noted that the key to So. Carolina's margin victory would be their veteran and versatile defense that featured returning starters at every position and would be facing a stagnant, one-dimensional NC State offense with sub-par offensive line play and a redshirt freshman quarterback making his first start.

For good measure, we 'chipped-in' another dominating win with Missouri's beating of Illinois 52-42 in a contest not as close as the final score indicates. Missouri's potent spread offense led by senior quarterback Chase Daniel and explosive wide receiver/kick returner Jeremy Maclin rolled up over 560 yards total offense including over 200 yards rushing late into the third quarter in building a 45-20 lead. They controlled the line of scrimmage on offense and the

Illinois defense could not slow down Missouri, as the Tigers only stopped themselves when they failed to score. Missouri actually held Illinois to negative nine (-9) yards rushing in the first half and the Tigers held a significant ground game edge for the contest (Missouri 254 – 6.9 yards-per-rush / Illinois 78 – 2.2 yards-per-rush). Missouri's defense got soft in the secondary and allowed Illinois to come back late, however Missouri's domination at the line of scrimmage on offense prevailed. If you read my thoughts below on controlling the line of scrimmage and review the box scores from week 1 college football, you'll see the successful correlation of a strong running game to covering the point spread.

Handicapping early season college football is in no small part about looking for the all important experience edge. And while returning starters is an important part of that early season component, too many handicappers and bettors still fail to compare the experience edge with the point spread to determine if there is enough 'value' in the price. Determining that value is based on a number of factors including experience edge, player personnel and match-

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ups, injuries, coaching, schemes, scheduling, and motivation. But with fast-changing early season market moves by the linemaker, the 'sharp' bettor understands the importance of getting a good number. If you want to be a successful and profitable sports bettor, then understanding 'value' is of utmost importance in handicapping the games.

While it's nice to win an early 'pot' like we did with South Carolina, the football season should be addressed in similar ways to a poker tournament. Use 'selective aggression' when betting on games. Do your homework and know your 'opponent'. Keep your emotions in check and manage your bankroll just like you would manage your chip stack. Don't go 'all-in' in the opening few weeks, as losing too many 'big bets' will prove costly and force you to the 'rail' sooner than you planned. If you fail to manage your bankroll and lose too many of your 'chips' early in the football season, you'll be forced to be more conservative and play a 'short stack'. This will leave you with less 'chips' to make consistently stronger wagers as you gather more information and gain more confidence as the season progresses.

Now, if you begin the season prepared and have the past experience to understand early season football and some of the dynamics and strengths that put the edges and percentages in your favor, then the astute handicapper and bettor can take advantage of some of the early season lines and totals posted by the linemaker. Those novice handicappers and bettors that rely on the 'talking heads' on ESPN, FOX or other major networks, along with 'hyped' information from unreliable sources will find themselves 'busted' and wondering what happened. Using some of the meaningless past 'trends', relying on your 'hunches' or falling for the great performances on national TV and betting on those teams the next few weeks without keeping line value, experience and match-ups in mind will also prove costly.

While looking at important early season factors like returning starters, quarterback experience, defensive strength, and proven coaches and schemes, know that the offensive line play and experience at those positions is critical for success. Six teams in major college football return all five offensive line starters this season: Ball State, Iowa, Penn State, Temple, West Virginia and Wyoming. Perhaps it's no coincidence that these teams had success on opening weekend. Instead of watching the ESPN highlight shows, reading the Associated Press (AP) top 25 or listening to the 'talking heads' tell you how great some of the skill players are, dig into the box scores and determine which teams show strength at the point of attack. It should be no surprise that on the opening Thursday and Friday of this college football season, seven of the eight teams that controlled the line of scrimmage and dominated in the running game not only won the games, but also covered the point spread.

Supporting teams that can run the football successfully and also stop the run will go a long way in building your bankroll. Keep that in mind as the season progresses, and if you don't have the time, energy or experience to produce profits and pick winners then contact me and we'll beat the game and get the 'green' together. **R**

College Football games of interest in September:

September 12-13

Kansas at South Florida
Ohio State at USC
Michigan at Notre Dame
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Calling Their Bluffs

10 Card Sharks try Their Hand at CBSsports.com Fantasy Football

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Break out the beer and pass the pretzels! Football season is back and that means Fantasy Football fever is in full effect. All across the country, die-hard fantasy football fanatics and couch potatoes alike are putting on their game faces, prepping their drafts and polishing their television remotes as they hedge their bets on their favorite players. It's strategy time, and the excitement in the air is almost palpable.

We know that when it comes to critiquing recent league drafts, the devil is in the details. And this year, the devil is in Rounder Magazine, the host of a High Stakes Fantasy Football (HSFF) league taking place online at CBSsports.com and involving some of the biggest professional poker players around. And by high stakes we mean high rollers. We're talking \$K before any picks are made.

Yeah, we know the poker pros rule the card game, but can a professional poker player be good at another game of skill and chance? As a self-admitted Fantasy Football guru and CBSsports.com insider who has witnessed many-a-line-up-gone-wrong over the past decade, here is... (drum roll, please), my expert critique of the poker pros' HSFF picks.

I've researched the HSFF league and reviewed their rosters, scoring systems, and analyzed various other factors to determine who I think has the best pre-season team. Just because the stats say you will win does not mean we (read: I) should hand you the trophy — sorry Dean, you'll have to earn it.



Let's get on to the good stuff... analyzing this draft. Gavin Smith went out and bought the top two fantasy players in LT and Tom Brady. When you do that, the rest of your players will be second- and third-tier players, which raises many questions. If Gavin can find a couple diamonds in the rough, he can win this league barring injury to one of his top two players.



Mike McNeil comes in with AP and follows with Tony Romo. Very nice. The third purchase of Ronnie Brown is questionable with "run Ricky run" in the backfield. Ricky Williams is the starter in Miami, and if you've seen Ronnie run, you know he's coming off an injury. Its next year for Mr. Ronnie Brown.

You can play in the NFL one year after a knee injury, but you won't really be back for two years. See Frank Gore, Willis McGahee, and pretty much all the other running backs who have come back from knee ligament damage recently. The mistake here is not getting Ricky Williams for \$1 later in the draft. Yes folks, Ricky Williams went for \$1. I guess pre-season games of the Dolphins are not televised in Las Vegas.

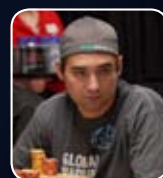
The next pick of Chad Johnson again has question marks because the Bengal players may be the most over-hyped fantasy players in the NFL. All their players go higher than they should

and with Johnson falling on his shoulder in the third game of the exhibition season, it only adds to the problem of this pick. Mike should have picked Chris Henry for a \$1 as a backup. He is suspended for four games, but for a \$1 he is a steal and is great insurance for Chad.



Scott Keikoan is my second favorite team in this league. Brian Westbrook, Frank Gore, Torry Holt, and Kellen Winslow will make a solid start to a team. If Scott can get some play from Kitna or Eli, he has a chance. But the Pittsburgh Steelers' defense team is a real concern. Based on projections for this year, they'll likely have the honor of having the hardest schedule in the NFL.

Scott's only problem is that he has little depth. If his star players get hurt, he will be praying to the "waiver gods" to bring him some help. In general, almost every team has the lingering problem of injuries, and it's a part of fantasy football that can be most frustrating.



Brandon Cantu has a nice squad and some great value with \$1 players. Marc Bulger, Derrick Mason, Bryant Johnson and Chris Henry are all

high-risk, high-reward players, but for a \$1, where's the risk?



Erick Lindgren has a nice team, but outside of Randy Moss, it lacks star-power. Marion Barber is great, but he has never carried the load — remember, he split carries with Laurence Maroney in college. Can Barber take the full-year load and what will Felix Jones take from him? I will say that if these guys do a high-stakes fantasy Basketball league together, I am announcing Erick as my pre-season winner right now. Do I need to mention the hockey prediction goes to Kid Poker or is it a given?



Phil Hellmuth has the all-name team and that is scary in fantasy football. Fantasy football players do not age like fine wine. They send you right to the bottom of the standings and you win the "toilet-bowl" award as you flush your season down the tubes. But Phil does have some nice value in fragile Fred who is actually rather durable. And there's also Chris Chambers whom I predict will have the best year of his career. Gates is coming off a toe injury and it's going to hurt his production. For \$9, Chambers will be a steal. And for a buck, Shockey is a great pickup — no risk, high reward.



Peter Feldman has a nice team, but again very little depth. He needs his top players to produce in a big way. Terrell Owens and Reggie Wayne are pretty reliable, but the question for him is Larry Johnson... will he see some space? Brodie Croyle has to make people respect his arm and get the extra safety out of the box.

Delhomme and Rodgers each for a \$1 are great picks. One of them should be pretty decent, if not both. Matt Forte might be his best pick for only \$5, if he can hold onto the starting job in Chicago as running back. Then again, nobody ever won a fantasy football league with offensive players from "da Bears". Meantime, getting Chris Cooley for \$3 might be one of the best steals of the draft.



Kid Poker has a little bit of everything. I love his draft but hate one pick in particular. I don't like Antonio Gates for \$15 because I'm worried about his injury. When I hear of football players with toe injuries, I immediately think of "Prime Time" Deion Sanders — it ended his career.

On the flip side, Chris Perry, Ted Ginn Jr., and possibly Ray Rice for \$1 are phenomenal picks. I think Perry and Ginn Jr. are going to have great seasons. If he can stay healthy, Andre Johnson is potentially the best receiver in football and without a doubt, in the top five on everyone's list.



Dean Hamrick is my pick to win this league because he has great depth and probably the best combination of running backs and wide receivers in the league. Snagging Ricky Williams and Santana Moss for a \$1 are just phenomenal picks.

Hamrick has the battery of Big Ben to Santonio Holmes which is potentially great and worrisome at the same time. They have the toughest schedule in the NFL, but Hamrick still has depth in case either does not produce. This is the one team that will not be affected by "bye" weeks since he can plug-and-play multiple players each week.



Mike Postle has some solid picks that potentially have great value, but Steven Jackson scares me. In recent years, a player holds out, does not play in the pre-season and ends up getting side-lined with injury early in the football season because their bodies weren't physically ready for the regular season.

For only \$10 each, Brandon Marshall and Roy Williams each are great picks, especially Marshall. Plus, they just reduced his suspension. Getting Kevin Smith, DeAngelo Williams and Jay Cutler for a grand total of only \$17 is phenomenal.

I love fantasy football players who reside in the AFC West because that division tends to have lousy defensive teams. These teams frequently get into shootouts and light up the scoreboard as they rack up fantasy points. My top two team owners are Dean Hamrick and Scott Keikoan with wildcards, Gavin Smith, Mike Postle and Kid Poker. The projections say that Erick Lindgren will have the worst team in the league, but I predict the third highest-rated team will be at the bottom. Sorry Phil.

Ricky Williams, Ted Ginn, Chris Perry, and Marc Bulger (barring injury) are the best \$1 picks. It's actually pretty surprising these players went for a mere buck. Ginn belongs at a \$1, but when the season is over, it will be a steal.

By the way, if you want to watch the industry's best card sharks try their hand at fantasy football in the HSFF league, you can. Just access the league by logging into CBSsports.com with the league user ID, "guestpass2" and the password "rounder". The league home page is <http://rounderffl.football.sportsline.com>. You won't be able to play, but you can witness mastermind strategies and see who is winning.

So there you have it, my personal and ultra-expert critique of the HSFF picks. It's bound to be an awesome season, and I can't wait to see how the poker pros fare against my predictions. **R**

CBS Power Ranking	
Player Projections (Team Totals)	
1. Dean Hamrick	1816 pts
2. Scott Keikoan	1745 pts
3. Mike Postle	1741 pts
4. Phil Hellmuth	1730 pts
5. Peter Feldman	1712 pts
6. Mike McNeil	1616 pts
7. Brandon Cantu	1612 pts
8. Gavin Smith	1610 pts
9. Daniel Negreanu	1607 pts
10. Erick Lindgren	1491 pts

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Toni Romo 36
Chad Johnson 24
Steve Smith 19
Wes Welker 12
Owen Daniels 1
Josh Brown 1
Donald Driver 2
Chris Johnson 1
Justin Fargas 1
Ladell Betts 2
David Garrard 1
Brandon Jackson 1
Green Bay 2

Dean Hamrick

Jonathan Stewart 14
Santonio Holmes 17
Larry Fitzgerald 39
Ben Rothlisberger 18
Jamal Lewis 25
TJ Hhoushmandzadeh 21
Willis McGahee 25
Earnest Graham 17
Matt Hasselbeck 5
Jason Witten 13
Mason Crosby 1
Dallas 1
Santana Moss 1
Ricky Williams 1
Donte Stallworth 2

Peter Feldman

Larry Johnson 42
Minnesota 7
Maurice Jones-Drew 40
Terrell Owens 44
Reggie Wayne 40
Lee Evans 6
Matt Forte 5
Hines Ward 4
Chris Cooley 3
Kevin Jones 2
Jake Delhomme 1
Aaron Rodgers 1
Felix Jones 1
Kevin Curtis 3
Adam Vinatieri 1

Phil Hellmuth

Fred Taylor 10
Marvin Harrison 13
Chris Chambers 9
Brett Favre 12
Brandon Jacobs 35
Braylon Edwards 43
Marcus Colston 30
Derek Anderson 11
Laurence Maroney 25
Randy McMichael 1
Jacksonville 1
LenDale White 7
Stephen Gostkowski 1
Ahman Green 1
Jeremy Shockey 1

Erick Lindgren

Thomas Jones 29
Randy Moss 51
Dallas Clark 15
Marion Barber 43
Donovan McNabb 7
Matt Schaub 4
Reggie Bush 32
Laveranues Coles 11
Kris Brown 1
Derek Hagan 1
Houston 1
Eddie Royal 1
Jerry Porter 2
Chad Jackson 1
Steve Slayton 1

Gavin Smith

LaDarian Tomlinson 78
Tom Brady 54
Michael Turner 17
Julius Jones 6
Edgerrin James 6
Joey Galloway 2
Tony Gonzalez 3
Calvin Johnson 16
Javon Walker 3
Nate Burleson 5
NY Giants 1
Matt Leinart 3
Reggie Brown 2
Patrick Creyton 3
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Daniel Negreanu

James Hardy 3
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Marshawn Lynch 49
Ryan Grant 45
Andre Johnson 34
Antonio Gates 15
Chris Perry 1
Ted Ginn Jr 1
Seattle 1
Anthony Gonzalez 4
Ray Rice 1
Ronald Curry 1
Isaac Bruce 1
Sidney Rice 1
Josh Scobee 1

Scott Keikoan

Brian Westbrook 71
Frank Gore 61
Torry Holt 19
Greg Jennings 6
Kellen Winslow Jr 10
Philip Rivers 2
Jon Kitna 2
Jerricho Cotchery 8
Shayne Graham 1
Eli Manning 1
Roddy White 4
Rashard Mendenhall 2
Pittsburgh 2
Ahmad Bradshaw 1
Chester Taylor 5

Brandon Cantu

Clinton Portis 53
Joseph Addai 64
Chicago 4
Dwayne Bowe 12
Drew Brees 28
Plaxico Burress 20
Rob Bironas 1
Todd Heap 3
Rudi Johnson 9
Marc Bulger 1
Derrick Mason 1
Bryant Johnson 1
Deuce McAllister 1
Deion Branch 1
Chris Henry 1

Mike Postle

Steven Jackson 63
Anquan Boldin 19
Carson Palmer 18
Selvin Young 16
Willie Parker 13
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THE BEST POKER BLOGS

BY PETER GULLIVER

If you love poker and love reading about poker there's no shortage of websites out there for you. Among the most heartfelt treatises on poker are the blogs. Short for Web logs, blogs are written by players who love the game enough to create their own sites to share their passion. By now there are perhaps tens of thousands of blogs dedicated to poker. Rather than have you wade through the ocean here is a quick look at five of my favorite.

Party Poker Blog (aka Guinness and Poker)
(guinnessandpoker.blogspot.com)

The proprietor, who goes by Iggy, really drinks lots of Guinness and plays lots of poker. In between guzzles, he finds the time to provide one of the most informative poker Web logs on the Internet. He used to play full time but recently returned to work at an advertising firm. Iggy got his first shot at the World Series of Poker main event this summer and cashed. Go read his adventures.

Tao Poker (taopoker.blogspot.com)

Paul McGuire, a novelist from New York City, decided to combine his love of writing and playing poker into what has become among the best read blogs on the Internet. He spends most of his year live blogging the action from the tournament scene across the globe and his has become the go-to site for the latest tournament information at the WSOP. He now travels the circuit, blogging and churning out freelance articles, while also sharing his personal successes and failures.

Up For Poker (upforanything.net/poker)

An irreverent look at poker and life, this blog is co-written by three journalists from South Carolina and is as likely to discuss the whereabouts of Steve Guttenberg as the merits of going all-in preflop with ace-king.

Cards Speak (cardsspeak.servebeer.com)

Known online as HDouble, this writer named Hank provides one of the best blogs that could help you improve your game. Deep into philosophy, Hank writes often about how having the right attitude will help you improve your play. Where else can you read about the poker wisdom contained within the movie *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*?

Double As (doubleas.blogspot.com)

Doubleas shares his personals poker development on his blog. For the last several years, he's written about how his game has developed and what lessons he's learned, his struggles and successes in an attempt at poker mastery. **R**



Europe Invades the World Series of Poker

BY PETER HEROLD

This just in, Europe has fallen in love with poker. This fact was clear to anyone that attended the 2008 World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. Although many Europeans have played in (and thrived in) the World Series for several years now, their presence has never been as prevalent as it was in 2008. Whether you were playing the World Series events at the Rio, the cash games at surrounding casinos, or simply hanging out by the various pools, restaurants and snack bars around Las Vegas our friends from across the pond could be seen wearing poker gear and could be overheard analyzing hands and discussing the recently concluded Euro Cup Finals. (Congratulations Spain.) Naturally, American poker players all over Vegas could be overheard talking baseball and trying to figure out how to combat their newfound competition from the Continent.

Europe's presence at the World Series has been growing for years, and there are many logical reasons for us to expect this to continue in the future. Many people have credited the success of the European Poker Tour as well as the steady (and legal) presence of internet poker in many European nations. While these factors are definitely part of the equation, the international exchange rate is also a major factor. The Euro is stronger than it has ever been, reaching 1.59 American dollars per Euro shortly before this year's World Series. Compare this to 2005 (\$1.2 American/Euro) and we see that the Euro is thirty-three percent stronger relative to the American dollar than it was just three years ago. Simply put, this makes it significantly less expensive for Europeans to spend money in the United States. Not only do the tournament buy-ins cost less, but the same can be said for hotel rooms, flights, meals, cab rides and all other travel related expenses.

Among American players, the consensus seemed to be that the Europeans were taking advantage of the fact that the money is less valuable to them by applying heavy pressure with a loose-aggressive game. American poker players had in depth strategy discussions about the best ways to counter these wild, overly aggressive Europeans. Before implementing any counter strategies, however, one must make sure that the opponent in question is in fact using the overly-aggressive game-plan that you are trying to combat, because making assumptions about opponents is dangerous and can prove extremely costly when said assumptions prove inaccurate. The safer move is to simply pay attention to the player's tendencies and use that information to help you make your decisions.

When sitting with a player that you have never seen before, no matter who they are or where they are from, one is better off giving them the benefit of a clean slate. Everything that you know about a player's game should be based on nothing more than things that you see with your own eyes (with the only possible exception being information given to you about the specific player by a trusted and reliable source.) If you observe your opponents closely, it may take you only a few hands to gain some preliminary information about their style of play. This information, which may be attained in just a matter of minutes, is more accurate and therefore more valuable than any stereotype. **R**



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Calculating Overlays

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

I was recently called “idiot” and “moron” for arguing recently that an FTOPS event (that’s Full Tilt Online Poker Series for the uninformed) was not truly an overlay although the money in the prize pool did not add up to the \$200,000 guarantee.

Here was the set-up: It was the \$216 Limit Hold’em event and there were 932 runners. Someone started talking about why he played just because of the overlay. I replied that there wasn’t really an overlay. I think it depends on how you define overlay. If you define overlay as the number of entrants not meeting the guaranteed prize pool, then yes, there was an overlay. I define overlay as “free” money where the host site or casino is actually contributing to the prize pool to make up the shortfall. This was not the case here. (That discounts bounties, which would have made the event an overlay, but we were arguing the point based solely on the number of entrants. FTP offers bustout bounties equal to the entry fee when players knock out one of the red-letter pros. In this tournament that would have been \$200.)

The math is pretty simple. The cost of entry was \$200 + \$16, or \$216. Based on 932 players, the money contributed for both prize pool and rake was \$201,312, so FTP made \$1,312 in rake and did not have to contribute money for a guaranteed prize pool shortfall. (Again, the site did lose money when bustout bounties are considered, but that was not part of the argument.)

I think it’s better to think of this occurrence as a reduced rake tournament rather than an overlay. Many people would use the word overlay to describe this event, but it is misleading because most players think of an overlay as a situation in which they are “being paid to play.” In fact, if you do some further math by dividing the total rake (\$1,312) by the number of players (932) you see that each player paid about \$1.40 in rake. That’s a very nice rake reduction, which makes the tournament a better value than a standard tournament with no guaranteed prize pool. But it’s not truly an overlay.

As for finding overlays online, look around. Overlays are not that common, but can be found with some good detective work.

Some poker informational websites list online poker sites where overlays are commonly found. (I know that Bodog frequently has overlays.) Be warned though that overlays usually don’t last long for the weekly guaranteed tournaments as more players become aware of them. Also, don’t forget that many online sites offer late registration, so what may initially appear to be an overlay may not end up that way. This FTOPS LHE event, for example, looked to be a huge overlay until late entrants trickled in for half an hour. **R**

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SHAME ON YOU, SCOTTY NGUYEN



BY SUSIE ISAACS

Scotty Nguyen made quite a name for himself when he won the \$50,000 H.O.R.S.E. event, the cream de la cream of the WSOP.

I like Scotty; he is friendly, jovial, and kind. What has happened to the Scotty that I knew? At the final table of the HORSE event, when play was down to the final three of the biggest and most prestigious event of the Series, something happened to him. It was as if some ugly, vulgar, demon invaded Scotty's body. He didn't even look like the same person as he spewed his venom and guzzled his beer.

I don't waste a lot of energy being angry but right now, after a second viewing of this episode, I am angry at Scotty, the Rio, Harrah's, and ESPN.

Scotty, how could you do this? If being drunk is the excuse, he should have been cut off hours earlier. There were 29 bleeps, one from Erick Lindgren, one from young Michael DeMichele and 27 from Scotty who instigated his opponent's one each bleep. Folks can read lips when it's a simple four-letter word. Rio, what happened to the floormen? Why was Scotty not even given a warning, followed by penalties, followed by disqualification?

ESPN, what are you trying to do to our poker world? Were you not shocked by what happened? It takes a lot to shock me these days, but this episode did the trick. We [the poker world] have finally gained respect and I believe that Scotty has set us back by ten years. I also believe that the highly respected Chip Reese would be terribly disappointed at Scotty's horrible behavior in an event that is played in Chip's honor and memory.

It's all about the money. There were 24 different advertisers during this two-hour show. Do you think they would have paid for this air time had they known it was going to be X-rated? Or am I all wrong here and this makes for good TV and higher ratings?

Young DeMichele was on the joyride of his life, and yes, he was celebrating his wins with too much excitement and leaving the table to high-five his friends and family. So, again, where were the floormen? There also is a rule against that. Michael certainly calmed

down after a tongue-lashing from Scotty. Scotty then proceeded to take the greatest moment in Michael's young life and turn it into a nightmare. Granted, winning over a million dollars will help erase a nightmare.

Scotty has been called "The Prince of Poker". The Prince cursed the cocktail staff.

There appeared to be collusion on Scotty's part. At one point he laid down aces-up to Erick who was short-stacked and any tournament player worth his weight knows you make that call. Scotty had let it be known that he wanted to be heads-up with Erick. He then openly bragged, "I gave you a whole new life there, Baby". A bit later, Scotty raised a pot in what he admitted to Eric was a play to try to protect Erick's hand. Erick folded and Scotty berated him with, "We would never be this long. I was trying to be (bleeping) nice to you, man."

To which Erick responded, "I don't care about that. I'm not on 'Team Scotty', buddy, and never will be."

Scotty has publicly apologized. Harrah's has promised to "work on this matter before the 2009 WSOP." I don't think that is enough. I believe that Scotty should be stripped of his title and Erick Lindgren and Michael should have a play-off for the title. The floormen who just cringed with the rest of the audience should be fired. A bit far-fetched, you say. Well, stranger things have happened in the poker world. A decade ago, no one ever thought that poker would become a popular televised spectator sport and look what happened. Scotty has damaged the poker world. He should be punished.

Thank you for allowing me to vent. I feel much better. **R**

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ACTOR OLIVER SINGER WEARING
JACKET BY JUST CAVALLI

Tournament Action in Tunica this Month

Poker players have two chances this month to get in on the tournament action in Tunica as Harrah's is hosting two separate series at its properties. First, at Harrah's Tunica (the former Grand Casino), the Mid-South Poker Open will take place Sept. 4-14. The series will feature a variety of events. In addition to No-Limit Hold'em, the series includes tournaments in Omaha Hi-Lo, Pot-Limit Omaha, Stud Hi-Lo and Pot-Limit Hold'em.

The action continues at the Horseshoe Sept. 15-25 with the return of the Mid-America Poker Classic that includes a \$2,500 main event. The Classic features another wide variety of events.

Winners of the final event in both tournament series will receive a seat into the World Series of Poker Circuit main event at Harrah's Tunica in February 2009.

Bikers Ride, Rock and Roll into Sin City for Eighth Annual Las Vegas BikeFest October 2-5, 2008

Bikers Flock to Las Vegas for Four-Day Motorcycle Extravaganza

More than 35,000 bikers and motorcycle fanatics are expected to cruise into Las Vegas to attend the eighth annual Las Vegas BikeFest™, a national motorcycle and biker rally held in Sin City, October 2-5, 2008. This four-day motorcycle rally returns to host some of the world's most skilled custom motorcycle builders for an exhilarating biker build-off competition, one-of-a-kind custom bike exhibitions, and a vibrant Vendor Village with 300 of the greatest manufacturers and distributors of motorcycles, parts, accessories and apparel, according to Harry Schwartz, president of Full Throttle Events, one of Las Vegas BikeFest's partners.

"Las Vegas BikeFest 2008 guarantees to be a wild weekend featuring some of the biggest names in the custom bike industry and an opportunity for people to immerse themselves in the biker culture," says Schwartz. "In addition to Vendor Village, entertainment during the day, the casinos, the restaurants, the clubs and the cruising on The Strip, Las Vegas BikeFest has a full schedule of activities to keep visitors busy and entertained."

The fifth annual Artistry in Iron, Master Builders' Championship will feature 20 of the world's most progressive bike builders in an "invitation only" peer judged competition. Sponsored by American Cycle Magazine, many of today's hottest master bike builders, including Roger Goldammer, Jim Nasi and Cory Ness, will have the chance to show off their artistry talents when they unveil their newest designs.

On Saturday, October 4, more than 100 of the coolest bikes in the country will be on display along four blocks of the Fremont Street Experience as part of the Custom Bike Show. The winner of the Las Vegas BikeFest Custom Bike Show Radical Class will not only win a \$5,000 cash prize and a one-of-a-kind Ego Tripp Wheels custom trophy, but the builder of the bike will automatically qualify for an invitation to participate in the 2009 Artistry in Iron, Master Builders' Championship.

Additional events will include the Las Vegas BikeFest Concert Series, featuring some of the hottest live music acts, Harley-Davidson demo rides, an unpredictable Mr. and Miss Las Vegas BikeFest Competition, \$100,000 Poker Run, World's Strongest Biker Competition and a wet-and-wild Bikini Contest. Also taking place this weekend is the 4th Annual Race for Kids Charity Event, a scenic ride through the Las Vegas countryside to help support the efforts of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

General admission to the Vendor Village is \$15.00 for the weekend. For hours and more information, visit www.lasvegasbikefest.com, call toll-free 866-BIKEFEST (245-3337), or email info@lasvegasbikefest.com.

Beau Rivage Tournaments Canceled

Hurricane Gustav forced the evacuation of Biloxi and at least the temporary cancellation of the Gulf Coast Poker Championship. When Gustav approached there were still several preliminary events and the \$5,000 championship event yet to take place.



There's been no word yet on what the plans are for the Gulf Coast Poker Championship.

MGM Mirage spokesman Alan Feldman said the Beau Rivage experienced minor flooding in its lower levels and that workers were soon to be back in the casino cleaning up the mess. There was no structural damage to the building.

Tuesday Night is Poker Night on ESPN

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m., opening day main event coverage begins on ESPN with a field so big it generated a staggering prize pool of more than \$64 million and a winner's share of more than \$9 Million. Some of pro poker's biggest names will be in action including Gavin Smith, Erick Lindgren and Daniel Negreanu. They, like everyone else look to survive day one and take a major step towards poker's greatest prize. Look for a few even more famous faces including Jason Alexander and Ray Romano. Nearly 7,000 players arrived at the Rio in Las Vegas to play in the 2008 The World Series of Poker presented by Milwaukee's Best Light – but only nine return to a seat at the final table in Nov.

ESPN Main Event TV Schedule

Tuesday	2-Sep	8:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	2-Sep	9:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	9-Sep	8:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	9-Sep	9:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	16-Sep	8:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	16-Sep	9:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	23-Sep	8:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	23-Sep	9:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	30-Sep	8:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	30-Sep	9:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	7-Oct	9:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	7-Oct	10:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	14-Oct	9:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	14-Oct	10:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	21-Oct	9:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	21-Oct	10:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	28-Oct	9:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	28-Oct	10:00 PM	ESPN	Main Event
Tuesday	4-Nov	10:00 PM	ESPN	Recap Show
Tuesday	11-Nov	9:00 PM	ESPN	Final Table*

Be a "Millionaire" at Binion's

Visitors to Downtown Las Vegas once again have the opportunity to get their pictures taken with a million bucks.

The money is encased in an acrylic pyramid on top of a poker table in the middle of the casino with a flashy sign behind it touting the display.

Due to the escalated cost of assembling 100 \$10,000 bills like the old Horseshoe shaped display that was in the casino from 1964 to 2000, the new version contains smaller bills ranging

from \$1 to \$100. General Manager Tim Lager said it would have cost at least \$16 million to buy 100 \$10,000 bills.

Unlike the old display, photos behind this stack of cash do not come free. To get a photo with the money, a customer needs to sign up for the slot club and either pay \$20 for the souvenir or spend \$25 in slot or table play.

The display is visible daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is locked under a stainless steel shell the rest of the day. The poker table on which it rests is also reinforced with steel plates and each level of the acrylic casing is sealed shut and secured.

1 Million in Prize Money at IP Poker Classic

Get ready for the poker tournament of all time with over 1 million dollars in prize money! The IP Poker Classic will take place October 29-November 9th, 2008.

The schedule is as follows:

October 29-November 9, 2008

October 29 and 30	Noon	No Limit Hold'em-	\$230
October 31	Noon	No Limit Hold'em-	\$340 <i>Guaranteed \$50,000</i>
November 1	Noon	No Limit Hold'em-	\$550 <i>Guaranteed \$65,000</i>
November 2	Noon	No Limit Hold'em-	\$340
November 3, 4, 5 & 6	Noon	No Limit Hold'em-	\$230
November 7	Noon	No Limit Hold'em-	\$340
November 8	Noon	No Limit Hold'em-	\$1,100
November 9	Noon	No Limit Hold'em-	\$120 <i>Guaranteed \$10,000</i>

Registration begins October 29, 2008. Guests must call (888) WIN AT IP to reserve rooms. \$1 million will be awarded based on player participation. The prize pool will be adjusted to reflect the number of participants. Guests must have a valid ID and IP Rewards card in order to register. Registration is non-refundable. For more information, please call (888) WIN AT IP or log on to www.ipbiloxi.com.



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Mo Collins works—If you're a student of contemporary comedy, you probably know her resume.

A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Collins has been associated with some of the top movies and television programs, and many of the biggest names, of our time. Most people probably recognize her from her days on *Mad TV* – where she was a fixture (152 episodes) – but by no means does that impressive stint define this versatile actress. She's also been on the Emmy-winning *Arrested Development* (Jason Bateman, Jeffrey Tambor), where she made five appearances, *Curb Your Enthusiasm* (Larry David), *According to Jim* (Jim Belushi), *Six Feet Under*, *Ally McBeal* (Calista Flockhart) and *Just Shoot Me!*

Additionally, she's lent her seductive voice to several animated series, among them *King of the Hill* and *Family Guy*.

In terms of movies, she was in the 2007 hit, *Knocked Up*, with Seth Rogen and Katherine

Heigl, and *The 40 Year Old Virgin*, another Judd Apatow comedy, featuring Steve Carell and Catherine Keener.

Her other credits include *Cougar Club*, *7th Heaven* (Jessica Biel), *Joey*, *Puff, Puff, Pass*, *Cats*, *Pushing Daisies* and *Fat Actress* (Kirstie Alley).

It's plain to see that Collins brings plenty of effort and energy when the lights are on and the cameras rolling, but considering her workload, does she even know how to relax?

Does her schedule allow it? As I found out – and it really came as no surprise given the fun she funnels into the characters she plays – the tall and lovely brunette is also programmed to have a good time.

And, in some cases, like when she's involved in a game of poker, Collins plays, and observes, as hard as she works.

Mo Collins

Hard-working Actress Knows How To Play BY DAVE LUKOW

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH POKER?

It was the day before I played the Hollywood Home Game. They asked if I wanted to do this game. I had friends of mine teach me, because I had to learn quick. I felt like my head was going to explode ... I just loved it.

ARE YOU STILL IMPROVING AS A PLAYER?

Am I improving? I don't know. It's not like I'm winning more. But I'm not making the same mistakes, so I guess I am improving.

HAVE ANY OF THE PROS INFLUENCED YOUR STYLE OF PLAY?

Annie Duke ... she's cute. I like her attitude at the table. I love when little Annie Duke, from back on her haunches, just puts it to them.

WHAT HAS ALLOWED YOU TO SUCCEED IN POKER?

I think it's because I'm so difficult to read. It's really hard to read me, which may mean I'm a really crappy actor. I've been that way in life – people misread me. I'm inconsistent. I'll change my mind on a dime.

HAVE YOU PLAYED IN MANY TOURNAMENTS?

I haven't, no. I was supposed to be in one recently, but I couldn't do it. I mostly play in charity events. I've played at Commerce and at the Playboy Mansion.

DO ACTORS AND ACTRESSES HAVE SOME KIND OF EDGE WHEN IT COMES TO THE GAME?

No, it's anybody's game – that's what's so great about it. It's cards – anyone can win. Anyone can win.

WHICH CELEBRITY IS THE BEST PLAYER?

Ed Asner, I think he's a great player. I just like the way he plays. Mimi Rogers is also good. She's cool and she knows what she's doing. I've never played against her, but we have met. Actually, we played in a big WPT tournament, but we weren't at the same table.


HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED AGAINST NICOLE SULLIVAN (A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE MAD TV CAST AND THE FIRST CHAMPION ON CELEBRITY POKER SHOWDOWN)?

I don't think we've actually played together. I know she's doing a kids charity event at Commerce. It would be kind of interesting, because we know each other so well. We'd know when we're bluffing.

WHERE DO YOU PLAY MOST OFTEN?

Home games, with friends. I have a studio in my backyard, and that's where my poker table is.

DOES BEING ABLE TO LAUGH HELP YOU HANDLE A BAD BEAT?

It helps me handle everything, every hand in life. No hand is permanent. If life hands you pocket aces – that's not always good! 

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Anna Fekete

BY DAVE LUKOW

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BIRTHPLACE: Las Vegas, Nevada
BIRTH DATE: April 30
SIGN: Taurus
EYES: Brown

FAVORITE
ACTIVITIES: Badminton, Guitar Hero and I love to draw
VACATION SPOT: California, I'll have to say that!
SPORTS TEAM: Oakland Raiders

PERFECT DATE: I just like to go bowling, go to the movies, things like that.



Anna Fekete

Anna Fekete likes to keep it real. That was fine with me, because she's really gorgeous!

A native of Las Vegas, Anna, blessed with magnificent eyes, lips, curves – I'll stop before I go too far – reminds me of a younger, Angelina Jolie.

Turns out, I'm not alone.

"People tell me I look like her all the time," Anna admitted. "One photographer even wanted to dress me up as Laura Croft, but he was kind of weird.

"I also get Jessica Alba a lot."

No offense to Jessica, but soon she may be getting Anna Fekete, who appeared in Maxim (Europe) in January of 2008.

"I got into modeling because my son's aunt is in Playboy – and I started going to her photographers," Anna said. "The photographer for Maxim, though, found me on MySpace."

Posing for cameras – which could arguably melt in her sizzling presence – is something she enjoys.

"I kind of just want to model for as long as possible," Anna said. "Later on, I may want to teach, possibly Art, but I love modeling.

"I actually started college – at the Art

Institute of Las Vegas – but I didn't finish. I studied Interior Design. In the future, I plan on going back."

Presently, along with modeling, she works as a cocktail waitress at some of her hometown's hottest destinations.

"I cocktailled for three years at the Wynn," Anna told me. "Right now, I work at Hawaiian Tropic."

Wherever she goes, whatever she does, people can't help but stare.

"When I worked at the Wynn, I was noticed a lot," she said. "A lot of people say they know me from somewhere. Plus, I'm on a lot of souvenirs, like poker chips, all over the Strip. What really surprised me is that bartenders asked me if I was in Maxim Europe. I didn't even know they could get that over here!"

Waiting on tables is not easy, but when you look like Anna, there's an added complication.

"Do I like it? Yes and no," she said. "I like the money, but I don't like the attention. That's probably what I like best about modeling – doing a shoot is easy – the attention doesn't come until after the photographs are out."

Much to the delight of any male that has witnessed her charms, she does everything she can to keep herself fit. >>>>>

"I workout a lot, I eat right," Anna advised. "I really love to workout. I'm on the Stairmaster 60 minutes each day. I don't drink, smoke, or do drugs."

"As far as sports, I love badminton, but I don't really play anything else. I do like to watch sports."

Although technically not an athletic endeavor, Anna does partake in a popular activity that requires substantial coordination.

"I love playing Guitar Hero, it's so much fun," she said. "I'd have to say I like rock. Aerosmith – they're awesome."

I've never met Steven Tyler and Joe Perry, but I'd be willing to bet they'd say the same thing about Anna.

In addition to Guitar Hero and badminton, Anna also plays poker.

"I play with my grandma, we play with pennies and nickels," she laughed. "I don't like to gamble, but ever since I was little, I've played poker."

She lives in Las Vegas ... and she doesn't like to gamble?

"I was born in Las Vegas, but my family is originally from Hungary," she explained. "Las Vegas is home. My family's here, I've been here all my life. I never want to live anywhere else. Outside of here, I've only been to California and Kentucky."

"Like I said, it's home."

In a day when glitz and glamour cause many to forget where they've come from, who they are, that is refreshing.

Like I said earlier, she's keeping it real. **R**

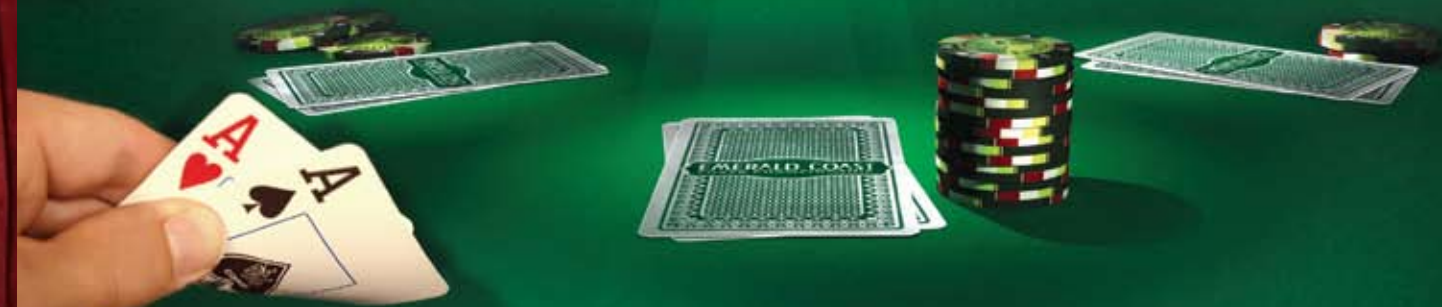




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Sept 14, Sun	1	2pm	Ladies Only NL Holdem	\$100+\$10	None
Sept 15, Mon	2	2pm	NL Holdem	\$250+\$25	1
Sept 16, Tues	3	2pm	NL Holdem	\$400+\$35	1
Sept 17, Wed	4	2pm	NL Holdem	\$300+\$30	1
Sept 18, Thurs	5	2pm	Day 1 Emerald Coast Championship	\$800+\$50	None
Sept 19, Fri	6	2pm	Day 2 Emerald Coast Championship	\$800+\$50	None
Sept 20, Sat	7	12pm	Final Table Emerald Coast Championship	Top 40 Players	None

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Back to School: The Life of Shannon Shorr

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

Imagine committing to take classes in the fall semester and only a month prior winning more than \$600,000 in two major poker events at the Bellagio in Las Vegas and finishing second in a World Series of Poker event.

Suddenly those classes don't seem too scintillating, do they?

That was the spot Shannon Shorr found himself in earlier this summer, but he stuck it out and returned to classes at the University of Alabama.

"It's probably the hardest thing I've ever done," he said. "I was as high as fourth for the [Card Player] player of the year at the end of

the summer. I would really like to compete for that and at the time I was playing tournaments as well as anyone I think."

It was another magical summer in Las Vegas for Shorr. He started it off with a runner-up finish in the \$2,000 No-Limit Hold'em event at the WSOP, collecting \$349,000.

"It was pretty darn tough. It is really hard to get through those large fields, but it was a pretty cool experience. I know I'll be back to get my bracelet, but it definitely stung to get so close."

Shorr cashed three more times at the WSOP and then won a \$3,000 event at the Bellagio Cup and finished third in the \$5,000 event,

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earning nearly \$400,000 in those two tournaments. More than half of his \$2.7 million in career tournament earning have now come from the Bellagio Cup events.

"For whatever reason I've done well there," he said. "I don't know why, but things have worked out for me there. I'm in the top 10 all-time earners there now so that's exciting."

This fall is the second time that the 23-year-old Shorr has returned to Bama to work toward his degree. After initially dropping out in 2006 to pursue the tournament circuit, Shorr had great success including his big win in the Bellagio Cup main event that year. He struggled in 2007 and had a losing year at the tables. Shorr decided to return to school this spring not so much because of his lack of success in 2007 as he was burned out on poker.

Shorr found it hard to come back after being away for so long and dropped out halfway through the semester to hit the poker scene again. But after further reflection, Shorr made the decision to return this fall and finish the four semesters he needs to get his bachelor's degree. He has switched his degree focus from engineering to business, which he believes is more practicable for him.

"School has been kind of lingering over my head. It's not like my parents are forcing me to go back or anything. I just want to get it done for the sake of getting it done since I started it. It's a pretty important thing to me. I don't know why. I just want to finish it."

"If I don't come back now I don't think I ever will. I think I'm pretty focused and will be able to get it done."

Shorr plans to take classes again in the spring, take summer off to hit the Vegas tournament scene and then take fall and spring classes to finish up in 2010.

"If I don't come back now I don't think I ever will. I think I'm pretty focused and will be able to get it done."

While Shorr was recognized a lot in school his first time through, he said the younger students aren't as familiar with him. Some still recognize him and invite him to their home games in apartments and fraternity houses.

"Unless it's a close friend it's not something I really want to do."

In fact, Shorr is playing very little poker at all while in school. He says he only plays online, where he built his bankroll, on Sundays for the big tournaments on the major online poker sites.

"I'm taking a hiatus of sorts to focus on school," he said. "That's about all I'm interested in playing right now."

After Shorr gets his degree he plans to play poker for at least a little while. He said he never wanted to play the game full time and hopes his poker experiences are a stepping stone to bigger and better things. **R**

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Poker is sweet for Mike Sowers BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

It takes a lot of courage to make a play that many could see as foolish. It's for that reason that 21-year-old Mike Sowers stands a good chance in succeeding at poker.

If you missed his bustout hand from the first event of this summer's World Series of Poker here is a quick synopsis. Mike Sexton raises, Mike Sowers pushes over the top all-in. Sexton calls and shows queens. Sowers flips over 9-4. The queens hold and Sowers exits in eighth in his first WSOP event, the \$10,000 Pot-Limit Hold'em Championship.

Here is how Sowers sees it:

"I'm not the type of person to look back and regret things about poker. I know that when you're in a situation all you can do is try to make the best possible decision you can at the time. I was playing pretty tight. It wasn't like I was playing really loose and crazy.

"One of the bigger problems with poker players is that if they get called they instantly think it was a bad play. You have to

understand that hand is going to play out one of two ways. He's either going to call or he's not.

"I don't let any of it bother me. The biggest thing I can get from it is when people ask how I could make that play. When they don't understand the reasons behind it it comforts you that you know why you would make that play and other people don't."

That's well-reasoned analysis from the young gun from Charlotte, N.C., who busted out on the live tournament scene in a big way this year.

But let's back up and look at Sowers' history with the game. He became interested in poker in high school after watching "Rounders" and seeing Chris MoneyMaker win the WSOP. He started playing with friends and as a 17-year-old put down his first deposit online -- \$50 on Absolute Poker.

By the time he was 18, Sowers had run that roll up to \$30,000 and was playing \$50-\$100 limit hold'em with Mark Seif. "It was the most money I had ever seen. I eventually went bust and lost back all of the money I had won."

Sowers was mad at himself and the game and stopped playing for a year. Eventually the poker bug bit again and he put in another \$50. He practiced disciplined bankroll management and his stake kept growing. "Eventually I started building a roll and expanding to other sites and I did well."

College called and Sowers attended the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. He studied business but quit after nearly three years. "I decided to take time off because it wasn't what I really wanted to do. I wanted to play poker, maybe have a career in real estate, or investing, things like that."

Not yet 21, Sowers decided to start traveling to international tournaments last June. He played tournaments in Europe, including the WSOP over-the-pond version, Canada and Aruba. When he finally turned 21 last October, Sowers tried tournaments in the U.S.

He found a backer to help foot the tournament bill and went to work. Sowers quickly found success at the Borgata Winter Open where he won a \$5,000 No-Limit Hold'em tournament in January for \$399,000.

"It was like a dream come true," Sowers said.

In the \$5,000 event Sowers played a lot with Erick Lindgren and Tom Dwan deep in the tournament. When play was seven-handed Sowers made a squeeze play with K-T against the two (Dwan had opened and Lindgren had called behind) and Lindgren called Sowers' raise with K-Q. Sowers hit a ten on the river and the hand helped propel him to victory. "For the spot it was a really good call. He's just a really good poker player," he says of Lindgren.

"It seems like when you're playing your best you get sucked out on and when you don't play your best you win," he added.

Sowers said he is a student of the game, frequently watching instructional videos and talking with friends. "I think the single biggest thing that helped my game was hitting the road for all of the big tournaments and becoming friends with some of the best poker players in the world. You can learn a lot just from listening to people you think are better than you are."

After Sowers' first taste of success at the WSOP the rest of the series was a bust. "I was so hungry after that to get back to another final table, but it didn't work out. But that's how tournament poker is."

Since then he has been relaxing back home in Charlotte where he still shares a house with two college buddies. He plans to play some of the World Championship of Online Poker events on PokerStars, head to Borgata for a spell and maybe catch a jet to London for WSOPE.

Although long term Sowers can see himself returning to school to study astronomy or astrophysics – something he might enjoy studying for fun rather than a career – his main focus for now will continue to be poker. His only goal in the game is to one day be the WSOP Player of the Year.

"That's the one thing I really want to accomplish before my poker career is over," he said. **R**



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Who needs the Life of Reilly?

Try the Life of Leif

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

Food, girls and poker. What more can a guy want?

Welcome to the life of Leif Force. With his wild blond locks and scraggly beard, the supposed child of hippies became a fan favorite after he found hand after hand to propel himself oh so close to the \$12 million first prize. Adopting an uber tight style, combined with luck at the right times, Force was able to finish 11th in the event and pick up \$1.1 million for his efforts.

It wasn't always this way. Growing up it was poker and math. Well, we're sure his parents fed him too.

Force's parents and grandparents taught him how to play poker games as a home-schooled child as a way to learn math. Five-card draw, roll your own, follow the queen and other games were staples in Force's Tallahassee home.

"I loved it. That was my life – math and cards. That's all I did when I was a little kid."

"It wasn't really a challenge getting all the rich kids' money," he said. "I've never had a job. Poker is the only way I've supported myself."

When Force began attending classes at Florida State he didn't really want to get a job so he played poker games he could find in dorm rooms and apartments.

"It wasn't really a challenge getting all the rich kids' money," he said. "I've never had a job. Poker is the only way I've supported myself."

Force also played online and found success quickly. At one point he made \$20,000 in a two-week stretch and decided to travel to Vegas for the WSOP in 2006.

"I went from playing \$2-\$4 online to playing in the main event within two weeks."

Force said the rumors of him being broke at the WSOP were true. He overextended his bankroll by buying into the main event and had to borrow food vouchers from friends to go eat and cab fare from ESPN cameramen to get back to his room at Binion's each evening. But financial fortune was coming.

During that main event Force found himself constantly shortstacked. He managed to crack aces with queens thanks to a lady on the river on Day 3 and beat kings with A-K on Day 5. Mostly he won races in other spots and waited for very strong hands.

"I could easily be the tightest player in the history of the World Series for like forever literally," he said. "From Day 3 to Day 7 I probably played on average four or five hands a day. I mostly played just kings and aces, and mostly aces."

On Day 7 Force at one point ranked 44th of 45 players left, but hit several big hands to get to sixth in chips. "I was able to chip up right when I needed it." Force eventually pushed with a flush draw and missed, finishing 11th.

Following that breakout Force returned to school, but didn't take it too seriously. "I just go to Florida State to play cards and hang out with girls," he said honestly.

"I want to hang out, travel, play poker and that's about all I foresee in the future. You can't get much better, right? Girls, food and poker and traveling some?"

He also enjoys Ultimate Frisbee and often travels to tournaments with the FSU team. The sixth-year sophomore is not sure if he will ever graduate. "I never went to school for a degree."

Force still does some poker traveling, though not a lot. He scored big in Tunica this spring by winning the \$1,000 Pot-Limit Omaha at the WSOP Circuit event for nearly \$59,000. In fact, despite his success in the WSOP main event, PLO is Force's game of choice. He cashed in the PLO Championship event at the WSOP in 2007. He also made another impressive run in the main event last year, finally succumbing in 392nd place and earning \$34,664.

"I don't like hold'em at all. I play any PLO tournaments and cash games that I can find. I'm going to [WSOP] Europe just because they have Omaha over there."

The 25-year-old doesn't see his lifestyle changing much in the future. Even some of his closest friends tell him to get a job, but Force isn't having any of it.

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Adrienne is a freelance model born in Mississauga, Ontario Canada, not to be confused with Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan for all you "Slapshot" fans. She says her best feature is her perseverance. She didn't have to do much of that with us, as we signed her up before she could say 'eh'. She likes a guy to show he is interested but says, "You should always leave a girl wanting more," and "flowers are a good thing". Adrienne just returned from Toronto where she participated in a Toronto Blue Jays promotion and made an appearance at the International Film Festival. She resides in Diamondhead, Mississippi now, and is our first Canadian born Rounder Girl, which we think is "way cool".

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ROUNDER OF THE YEAR

The Rounder of the Year title will be awarded to the player who accumulates the most points in a series of Poker Tournaments taking place around our region.

The tournaments are open to all players. *Rounder Magazine* will post the points leaders in each issue. We will have a state by state breakdown as well as an overall leader board.

*Qualifying tournaments will consist of \$300-\$3000 buy ins. Only players who make final table receive points. Seniors and ladies-only events do not qualify.

Player	Hometown	Total Earnings
Matt Culberson	New Orleans, LA	\$148,238
Fred Roll	Seneca, MO	\$113,680
Anthony Lay	Oklahoma City, OK	\$110,283
Tim Hebert	Lafayette, LA	\$107,455
Jae C Chang	Austin, TX	\$96,807
Will Souther	Biloxi, MS	\$89,978
Tyler Smith	Smithdale, MS	\$89,363
Robert Castoire	Cecilia, KY	\$79,762
Arthur Evans	Davie, FL	\$78,433
Wade Townsend	Dripping Springs, TX	\$77,042

The following equation represents the method used to calculate points earned by a player in each tournament. B is the buy in, E the number of entrants, P is the place the player finished in.

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{B} * \sqrt[3]{E}}{P + 1}$$

2008 Rounder of the Year Standings as of June 1, 2008

Rank	Pts	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	99	Matt Culberson	New Orleans, LA	\$148,238
2	71	Will Souther	Biloxi, MS	\$89,978
3	60	Anthony Lay	Oklahoma City, OK	\$110,283
4	49	Charles Williams	Reno, NV	\$66,487
5	47	Robert Castoire	Cecilia, KY	\$79,762
6	39	Sam Sundaram	St. Petersburg, FL	\$69,384
7	38	Jonathan Tare	New York, NY	\$75,114
8	36	James Henson	Lake Jackson, TX	\$63,120
9	36	Men Nguyen	Bell Gardens, CA	\$61,134
10	36	Tim Laws	Columbia, MO	\$58,172
11	35	Tim Hebert	Lafayette, LA	107,455
12	35	Tyler Smith	Smithdale, MS	\$89,363
13	35	John Racener	Port Richey, FL	\$72,591
14	34	Fred Roll	Seneca, MO	\$113,680
15	34	Jae C Chang	Austin, TX	\$96,807
16	33	Rami Jradeh	North Quincy, MA	\$74,914
17	33	Buddy Lockwood	Weatherford, TX	\$47,227
18	32	Arthur Evans	Davie, FL	\$78,433
19	32	Wade Townsend	Dripping Springs, TX	\$77,042
20	32	David Dao	Elizabethtown, KY	\$43,164
21	32	Ben Mintz	Oxford, MS	\$39,958
22	31	Dale Robinson	Otisco, IN	\$73,154
23	31	Lynn Achey	Sheldon, MO	\$64,411
24	31	Kevin M. Davis	Shepherdsville, KY	\$33,940
25	30	Lance Oliver	Roseville, CA	\$68,909
26	30	Jay Koeller	Melbourne, FL	\$66,160
27	30	James Beetz	Houston, TX	\$64,391
28	30	Howard Reid	Independence, MO	\$58,500
29	30	Gary	Lundgren Elgin, TX	\$36,045
30	30	Jozef Pikula	Atlanta, GA	\$26,096

2008 ROUNDER OF THE YEAR

QUALIFYING EVENTS

Date	Tournament	Casino	Location
Jan 3 - 24	World Poker Open	Gold Strike Hotel & Casino	Tunica, MS
Jan 3 - 22	WSOP Circuit Event	Grand Casino	Tunica, MS
Feb 14 - 26	Oklahoma State Championship of Poker	Cherokee Casino Resort	Catoosa, OK
Mar 19 - 30	Spring Break Poker Classic	Beau Rivage Resort & Casino	Biloxi, MS
Mar 30 - Apr 13	WSOP Circuit Event	Caesars Indiana	Elizabeth, IN
Apr 2 - 13	I P Poker Classic	IP Casino Resort Spa	Biloxi, MS
May 9 - 21	WSOP Circuit Event	Harrah's New Orleans	New Orleans, LA
Aug 26 - Sept 6	Gulf Coast Poker Championship	Beau Rivage Resort & Casino	Biloxi, MS
Sept 14 - 20	Emerald Coast Poker Championship	Ebro Greyhound Park	Ebro, FL
Oct 16 - 28	World Poker Open	Gold Strike Hotel & Casino	Tunica, MS
Oct 29 - Nov 9	I P Poker Classic	IP Casino Resort Spa	Biloxi, MS
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Most Final Tables in Rounder of the Year Qualifying Events

Final Tables	Player	Hometown
7	Matt Culberson	New Orleans, LA
6	Will Souther	Biloxi, MS
4	Sam Sundaram	St. Petersburg, FL
4	Jozef Pikula	Atlanta, GA
4	Doug Carli	Alliance, OH
3	Anthony Lay	Oklahoma City, OK
3	John Racener	Port Richey, FL
3	Charles Williams	Reno, NV
3	Kirby Brewer	Imperial, MO
3	Russell Bozeman	Camden, AL

Several Players are Tied at 2 Final Tables Each

RED HOT ROUNDER



JEFF TIMS The Houston native who earlier this year picked up 29 Rounder of the Year points by 'taking down' a preliminary event at the Bayou Poker Challenge at Harrah's, New Orleans, added to those totals with a first place finish in Event 1 at the Beau Rivage Gulf Coast Poker Championship. The win moves him into the lead in the Texas point standings. Tims outlasted a field of 520 and picked up \$32,141 for the victory.

Additional qualifying tournaments to be announced in upcoming issues. Players making the final table of Rounder qualifying events with Buy-ins ranging from \$300 to \$3000 will receive points in the 'Rounder of the Year' contest. Casinos wanting their event to be included can send requests to: info@roundermagazine.com. Tournament dates subject to change.

Southern Roundup

Alabama



Douglas Thurman of Montgomery, AL
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 2 Aug 28
 Finished: 2nd
 Earnings: \$19,132
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 573

Arkansas



Alex Young of Fayetteville, AR
 2008 Wild Wild West
 Poker Tournament
 Cherokee Casino Resort Catoosa, OK
 No Limit Hold'em Event 6 Aug 10
 Finished 1st
 Earnings: \$6,007
 Buy In: \$200
 Entries: 102

Florida



Charles Cole of Pensacola, FL
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 1st
 Earnings: \$9,089
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

Florida



David Woo of Atlanta, GA
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 1st
 Earnings: \$9,089
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

Florida



Jena Delk of Merritt Island, FL
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 2 Aug 28
 Finished: 1st
 Earnings: \$4,305
 Buy In: \$5,000
 Entries: 573

Georgia



Phong Huynh of Lilburn, GA
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 3rd
 Earnings: \$11,184
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

Georgia



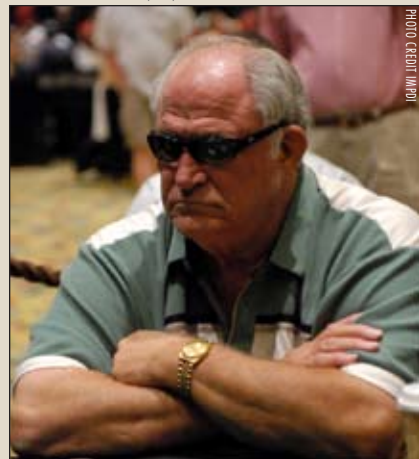
Phong Truong of Lawrenceville, GA
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 5th
 Earnings: \$7,692
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

Georgia



William Jarrett of Cartersville, GA
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 1st
 Earnings: \$36,070
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

Mississippi



Terry Davis of Hattiesburg, MS
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 2nd
 Earnings: \$18,168
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

Mississippi



Tyler Smith of Smithdale, MS
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 6th
 Earnings: \$6,574
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

Mississippi



Michael Hale of D'Iberville, MS
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 7th
 Earnings: \$5,177
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

North Carolina



Jerry Yoder of Hickory, NC
 2008 World Series of Poker
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 2 Aug 28
 Finished: 7th
 Earnings: \$5,421
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 573

Mississippi



Dale Morrow of Walls, MS
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 2 Aug 28
 Finished: 5th
 Earnings: \$8,450
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 573

Mississippi



Thomas Ellis of Forest, MS
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 2 Aug 28
 Finished: 6th
 Earnings: \$6,856
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 573

Mississippi



Rick Christian of Philadelphia, MS
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 2 Aug 28
 Finished: 4th
 Earnings: \$10,044
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 573

Oklahoma



Rudy Foutz of Tulsa, OK
 2008 Blast from the Past
 Cherokee Resort Casino
 West Siloam Springs, OK
 No Limit Hold'em Main Event 8 Aug 31
 Finished: 1st
 Earnings: \$6,790
 Buy In: \$500
 Entries: 28

Texas



Jeff Tims of Conroe, TX
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 1st
 Earnings: \$32,141
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

Texas



Jim Carroll of Richardson, TX
 2008 Winstar World Casinos -The River
 Winstar Casino Thackerville, OK
 No Limit Hold'em Main Event Aug 23
 Finished: 1st
 Earnings: \$700,000
 Buy In: \$2,000
 Entries: 1450

Northeast Roundup

Ohio



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David Peters of Toledo, OH
 2008 Heartland Poker Tour
 Soaring Eagle Casino Mount Pleasant, MI
 Main Event August 26
 Finished 1st
 Earnings \$507,613
 Buy In \$1,500
 Entries 301

California



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Paul Smith of Poway, CA
 2008 Legends of Poker (WPT)
 The Bicycle Casino Bell Gardens, CA
 No Limit Hold'em Championship Aug 28
 Finished: 4th
 Earnings: \$246,450
 Buy In: \$9,500
 Entries: 373

California



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Trong Nguyen of Garden Grove, CA
 2008 Legends of Poker (WPT)
 The Bicycle Casino Bell Gardens, CA
 No Limit Hold'em Championship Aug 28
 Finished: 5th
 Earnings: \$211,245
 Buy In: \$9,500
 Entries: 373

California

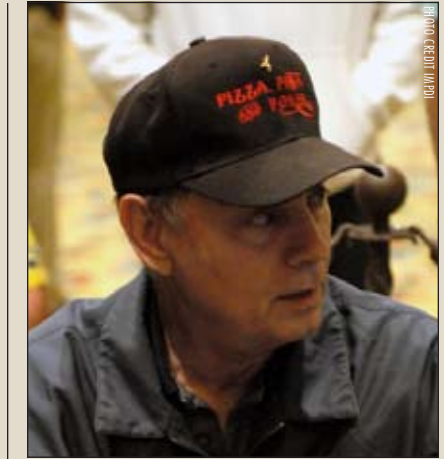


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Vince Burgio of West Hills, CA
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 2 Aug 28
 Finished: 3rd
 Earnings: \$11,957
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 573

Pennsylvania



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Jason Heidenthal of Media, PA
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Aug 27
 Finished: 9th
 Earnings: \$2,664
 Buy In: \$300
 Entries: 520

Wisconsin



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Amit Makhija of Brookfield, WI
 2008 Legends of Poker (WPT)
 The Bicycle Casino Bell Gardens, CA
 No Limit Hold'em Championship Aug 28
 Finished: 2nd
 Earnings: \$563,320
 Buy In: \$9,500
 Entries: 373

New York



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Vinny Pahuja of New York, NY
 2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship
 Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
 No Limit Hold'em Event 4 Aug 30
 Finished: 4th
 Earnings: \$9,267
 Buy In: \$500
 Entries: 296

California



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John Phan of Long Beach, CA
 2008 Legends of Poker (WPT)
 The Bicycle Casino Bell Gardens, CA
 No Limit Hold'em Championship Aug 28
 Finished: 1st
 Earnings: \$1,091,428
 Buy In: \$9,500
 Entries: 373

Nevada



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Layne Flack of Las Vegas, NV
 2008 Legends of Poker (WPT)
 The Bicycle Casino Bell Gardens, CA
 No Limit Hold'em Championship Aug 28
 Finished: 8th
 Earnings: \$105,620
 Buy In: \$9,500
 Entries: 373

Nevada



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Zachary Clark of Las Vegas, NV
 2008 Legends of Poker (WPT)
 The Bicycle Casino Bell Gardens, CA
 No Limit Hold'em Championship Aug 28
 Finished: 3rd
 Earnings: \$281,645
 Buy In: \$9,500
 Entries: 373



BB Dakota skirt
Private Gallery shirt
Shoes & Jewelry by Private Gallery
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On Him: Perry Ellis Suit
Express Design Shirt
Kenneth Cole Shoes
Fossil Watch

Shot on location in Downtown Mobile, AL
Special Thanks to Private Gallery
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Photographer: Toni Riales
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Richard McGill
Makeup Artist: Tawana Hano
Hair Designer: Rachel Reedy
Stylist: Jessica Etheridge
Stylist Asst: Robert Draper
Models: Camille Chambers and Billy Carlson



Roar Jacket
Filter tee
DKNY Jeans
Born Shoes
Kenneth Cole Watch



Dolce & Gabana T-shirt
Roar dress shirt
DKNY Jeans
Bulova Watch



Private Gallery jumpsuit
Chinese Laundry Shoes



Tuxedo by Gent's Formal Wear
Brass Boot shoes
Fossil Watch



CALIFORNIA

MONDAY	CASINO	BUY IN
10:00AM	Lake Elsinore	\$15+\$5, RB\$5
10:00AM	Pechanga	\$20+\$5
12:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$35+\$5
6:00PM	Win-River	\$25+\$5
6:30PM	Pechanga	\$40+\$10
7:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$35+\$5
7:00PM	Hustler Casino	\$100+\$25

TUESDAY

10:00AM	Lake Elsinore	\$15+\$5, RB\$5
10:00AM	Pechanga	\$35+\$5
12:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$35+\$5
6:00PM	Win-River	\$35+\$5, \$20RB
6:30PM	Pechanga	\$20+\$5
7:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$35+\$5
7:00PM	Hustler Casino	\$225+\$30
7:00PM	Lake Elsinore	\$30+\$7, RB\$5

WEDNESDAY

10:00AM	Lake Elsinore	\$15+\$5, RB\$5
10:00AM	Pechanga	\$20+\$5
12:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$35+\$5
6:00PM	Win-River	\$35+\$5
6:30PM	Lake Elsinore	\$15+\$5
6:30PM	Pechanga	\$40+\$10
7:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$35+\$5
7:00PM	Hustler Casino	\$100+\$25
7:00PM	Lake Elsinore	\$45+\$7, RB\$5

THURSDAY

10:00AM	Lake Elsinore	\$15+\$5, RB\$5
10:00AM	Pechanga	\$20+\$5
12:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$35+\$5
6:00PM	Win-River	\$45+\$5, \$20RB
7:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$32+\$8
7:00PM	Hustler Casino	\$225+\$30

FRIDAY

10:00AM	Lake Elsinore	\$15+\$5, RB\$5
10:00AM	Pechanga	\$20+\$5
12:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$35+\$5
7:00PM	Lake Elsinore	\$25+\$5

SATURDAY

10:00AM	Pechanga	\$20+\$5
10:00AM	Win-River	\$25+\$5
11:00AM	Harrah's Rincon	\$35+\$5

SUNDAY

10:00AM	Pechanga	\$20+\$5
12:00PM	Lake Elsinore	\$7, RB\$10
3:00PM	Hustler Casino	\$225+\$30
5:00PM	Harrah's Rincon	\$50+\$10, \$25RB, \$25AO
6:00PM	Win-River	\$40+\$10, \$5RB

MISSISSIPPI

BAY ST. LOUIS

MONDAY	CASINO	BUY IN
6:30PM	Hollywood	\$50 + \$10
6:00PM	Silver Slipper	\$45 Buy In

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM	Hollywood	\$15 + \$10, RB
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THURSDAY

6:00PM	Silver Slipper	\$25 + \$10, RB
6:30PM	Hollywood	\$75 Buy In

MISSISSIPPI

SATURDAY

12:00PM	Silver Slipper	\$45 Buy In includes
1:00PM	Hollywood	\$100 + \$10

SUNDAY

1:00PM	Hollywood	\$40 + \$10
6:30PM	Silver Slipper	\$65 Buy-In Omaha Hi

BILOXI

MONDAY

CASINO	BUY IN	
1:00PM	Hard Rock	\$45 + \$10
6:00PM	Beau Rivage	\$120
6:00PM	IP	\$50 + \$10

TUESDAY

12:00PM	IP	\$50 + \$10
1:00PM	Isle of Capri	\$15
8:30PM	Isle of Capri	\$50

WEDNESDAY

2:00AM	Hard Rock	\$35 + \$10
2:00AM	IP	\$50 + \$10
1:00PM	Isle of Capri	\$70, \$20 Bounty
6:00PM	IP	\$50 + \$10
7:00PM	Isle of Capri	\$20, \$10RB, \$5

THURSDAY

1:00PM	Hard Rock	\$35 + \$10
1:00PM	Isle of Capri	\$50, \$10RB
6:00PM	Beau Rivage	\$120
6:00PM	IP	\$50 + \$10

FRIDAY

12:00PM	Beau Rivage	\$40, \$20 RB, 20/40AO
12:00PM	IP	\$50 + \$10
3:00PM	Isle of Capri	\$25, \$5RB

SATURDAY

12:00PM	Beau Rivage	\$120
12:00PM	IP	\$100 + \$20
3:00PM	Isle of Capri	\$30, \$10RB, \$20

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12:00PM	Beau Rivage	\$120
12:00PM	IP	\$50 + \$10
3:00PM	Isle of Capri	\$15, \$10RB (Ladies Only)

TUNICA

MONDAY

CASINO	BUY IN	
4:00AM	Gold Strike	\$65
11:00AM	Gold Strike	\$40, \$20 RB \$20 AO
1:00PM	Harrah's Tunica	\$65
6:00PM	Gold Strike	\$1000 + \$125
7:00PM	Horseshoe	\$2000 Guaranteed +\$65,\$40, RB, \$40

TUESDAY

11:00AM	Gold Strike	\$40, \$20RB, \$20 AO
1:00PM	Harrah's Tunica	\$500 + \$65

WEDNESDAY

4:00AM	Gold Strike	\$65
11:00AM	Gold Strike	\$40, \$20 RB \$20 AO
1:00PM	Harrah's Tunica	\$65 (\$500 added)

THURSDAY

11:00AM	Gold Strike	\$40, \$20 RB \$20 AO
1:00PM	Harrah's Tunica	\$80, \$20 Bounty
6:00PM	Gold Strike	\$1000 + \$125
7:00PM	Horseshoe	\$65, \$40 RB, \$40 AO

MISSISSIPPI

FRIDAY

11:00AM	Gold Strike	\$40, \$20 RB \$20 AO
11:00AM	Sam's Town	\$500 + \$50
1:00PM	Harrah's Tunica	\$65, \$25RB, \$50 AO
4:00PM	Horseshoe	\$65, \$40RB, \$40AO
6:00PM	Gold Strike	\$65, \$30RB, \$30AO

SATURDAY

11:00AM	Gold Strike	\$40, \$20 RB \$20 AO
1:00PM	Harrah's Tunica	\$130

SUNDAY

11:00AM	Gold Strike	\$175
1:00PM	Harrah's Tunica	\$130
* 1:00PM	Gold Strike	\$325, \$10,000 Guaranteed

FLORIDA

MONDAY

CASINO	BUY IN	
6:30PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$120
7:00PM	Ebro Greyhound Park	\$35 + \$5
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$125

TUESDAY

1:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$250, \$100 Bounty
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$35 \$25 RB High Hand

WEDNESDAY

1:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$100
6:30PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$120
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$20 / \$20 RB

THURSDAY

6:30	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$150, \$50 Bounty
7:00PM	Ebro Greyhound Park	\$75+\$10

FRIDAY

2:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$200, \$30 Bounty
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$150

SATURDAY

2:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$200
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$130 every other week is a Rebuy Tournament

SUNDAY

1:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$120
2:00PM	Ebro Greyhound Park	\$135 + \$15
3:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$120

LOUISIANA

MONDAY

CASINO	BUY IN	
6:00 PM	Horseshoe Bossier City	\$60, \$40 RB

THURSDAY

6:00 PM	Horseshoe Bossier City	\$100, \$100 RB
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FRIDAY

11:AM	Horseshoe Bossier City	\$60, \$40 RB
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SUNDAY LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

2:00 PM	Horseshoe Bossier City	\$500
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Casino Poker Rooms:
 If you have changes in your weekly tournament schedule please e-mail info@roundermagazine.com to update.

NEVADA

MONDAY

CASINO	BUY IN	
12:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
12:30AM	Harrah's	\$120 +\$30 \$50 Super Bounty
1:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
2:00AM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5 AO
4:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
9:00AM	Caesars Palace	\$65
9:00AM	Luxor Casino	\$22, \$20 1RB
9:00AM	Monte Carlo	\$40+\$10AO
9:30AM	Paris	\$65
10:00AM	Binion's	\$50
10:00AM	Gold Coast Casino	\$22
10:00AM	Hooters	\$27
10:00AM	Mandalay Bay	\$40
10:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
10:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
10:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
11:00AM	Bally's	\$65
11:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
11:00AM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
11:00AM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
11:00AM	MGM Grand	\$65
11:00AM	Oasis (Mesquite)	\$15, \$15RB, \$15AO
11:00AM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO
11:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5 AO
12:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$200
12:00PM	Luxor Casino	\$30
12:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
1:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
1:30PM	Paris	\$65
2:00PM	Bellagio	\$500+\$40
2:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
2:00PM	The Venetian	\$130+\$15
2:00PM	Wynn Las Vegas	\$100 + \$20, \$100RB
3:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$65
3:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
3:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
3:30PM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
4:00PM	Luxor Casino	\$50
5:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$75
6:00PM	Mandalay	\$80
6:00PM	Monte Carlo	\$50+\$10AO
6:00PM	Oasis (Mesquite)	\$35, \$10RB, \$20AO
6:05PM	MGM Grand	\$125
6:05PM	Rio	\$125
7:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$150
7:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
7:00PM	Mirage	\$230
7:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
7:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20 40RB, 2\$AO
7:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
7:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
7:00PM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB

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7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	The Venetian	\$160+\$15
11:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20, 2\$AO

TUESDAY

12:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
12:30AM	Harrah's	\$40
1:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
2:00AM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
4:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
9:00AM	Caesars Palace	\$65
9:00AM	Luxor Casino	\$22, \$20 -1RB
9:00AM	Monte Carlo	\$40+\$10AO
9:30AM	Paris	\$65
10:00AM	Binion's	\$50
10:00AM	Gold Coast Casino	\$22
10:00AM	Hooters	\$27
10:00AM	Mandalay	\$40
10:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
10:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
10:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
11:00AM	Bally's	\$65
11:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
11:00AM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
11:00AM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
11:00AM	MGM Grand	\$65
11:00AM	Oasis (Mesquite)	\$15, \$15RB, \$15AO
11:00AM	Sahara	\$40, \$20 RB, 2\$AO
11:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5 AO
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NEVADA

6:00PM	Rio	\$125
6:05PM	MGM Grand	\$125
7:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$150
7:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
7:00PM	Mirage	\$230
7:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10
7:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO
7:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
7:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
7:00PM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	The Venetian	\$160+\$15
11:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO

THURSDAY

12:00AM	Luxor Casino	\$62
12:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
12:30AM	Harrah's	\$120 +\$30 \$50
1:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
2:00AM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
4:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10
7:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
9:00AM	Caesars Palace	\$65
9:00AM	Luxor Casino	\$22, \$20-1RB
9:00AM	Monte Carlo	\$40+\$10AO
9:30AM	Paris	\$65
10:00AM	Binion's	\$50
10:00AM	Gold Coast Casino	\$22
10:00AM	Hooters	\$27
10:00AM	Mandalay Bay	\$40
10:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
10:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
10:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
11:00AM	Bally's	\$65
11:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
11:00AM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
11:00AM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
11:00AM	MGM Grand	\$65
11:00AM	Oasis (Mesquite)	\$15, \$15RB, \$15AO
11:00AM	Sahara	\$40, \$20, 2\$AO
11:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
12:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$200
12:00PM	Luxor Casino	\$30
12:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
1:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
1:30PM	Paris	\$65
2:00PM	Bellagio	\$500+\$40
2:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10 AO
2:00PM	Wynn Las Vegas	\$100 + \$20, \$100RB
2:00PM	The Venetian	\$130+\$15
3:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$65
3:30PM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
3:30PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB

NEVADA

3:30PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
4:00PM	Luxor Casino	\$50
6:00PM	Mandalay Bay	\$80
6:00PM	Monte Carlo	\$50+\$10 AO
6:00PM	Oasis (Mesquite)	\$35,\$10RB,\$20AO
6:00PM	Rio	\$125
6:05PM	MGM Grand	\$125
7:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$150
7:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
7:00PM	Mirage	\$230
7:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10 AO
7:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO
7:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
7:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
7:00PM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	The Venetian	\$160+\$15
11:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO

FRIDAY

12:00AM	Luxor Casino	\$62
12:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
12:30AM	Harrah's	\$120 +\$30 \$50
1:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
2:00AM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
4:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
9:00AM	Caesars Palace	\$65
9:00AM	Luxor Casino	\$22, \$20 1RB
9:00AM	Monte Carlo	\$40+\$10 AO
9:30AM	Paris	\$65
10:00AM	Binion's	\$50
10:00AM	Gold Coast Casino	\$22
10:00AM	Hooters	\$27
10:00AM	Mandalay Bay	\$40
10:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
10:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
10:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
11:00AM	Bally's	\$65
11:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
11:00AM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
11:00AM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
11:00AM	MGM Grand	\$65
11:00AM	Oasis (Mesquite))	\$15, \$15RB, \$15AO
11:00AM	Sahara	\$40, \$20 RB, 2\$AO
11:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5 AO
12:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$330
12:00PM	Luxor Casino	\$30
12:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
12:00PM	The Venetian	\$500+\$40
1:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
1:30PM	Paris	\$65
2:00PM	Bellagio	\$1000+\$80
2:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
2:00PM	The Venetian	\$130+\$15
3:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$65
3:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
3:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
3:30PM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
3:30PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB

NEVADA

2:00PM	The Venetian	\$130+\$15
2:00PM	Wynn Las Vegas	\$100 + \$20, \$100RB
3:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$65
3:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
3:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
3:30PM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
6:00PM	Monte Carlo	\$50+\$10AO
7:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$150
7:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
7:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
7:00PM	The Orleans	\$105
7:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO
7:00PM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$150, \$50RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	The Venetian	\$160+\$15
11:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO

SATURDAY

12:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
12:30AM	Harrah's	\$120 +\$30 \$50
1:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
2:00AM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
4:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
9:00AM	Caesars Palace	\$65
9:00AM	Monte Carlo	\$40+\$10AO
9:30AM	Paris	\$65
10:00AM	Binion's	\$50
10:00AM	Gold Coast Casino	\$22
10:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
11:00AM	Bally's	\$80 + \$40 option
11:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
11:00AM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
11:00AM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
11:00AM	Oasis (Mesquite)	\$15, \$15RB, \$15AO
11:00AM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO
11:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
12:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$330
12:00PM	Luxor Casino	\$30
12:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
12:00PM	The Venetian	\$500+\$40
1:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
1:30PM	Paris	\$65
2:00PM	Bellagio	\$1000+\$80
2:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
2:00PM	The Venetian	\$130+\$15
3:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$65
3:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
3:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
3:30PM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
6:00PM	Monte Carlo	\$50+\$10AO

NEVADA

7:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$150
7:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
7:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
7:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO
7:00PM	The Orleans	\$105
7:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
7:00PM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$150, \$50RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	The Venetian	\$160+\$15
11:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO

SUNDAY

12:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
12:30AM	Harrah's	\$120 +\$30 \$50 Super Bounty
1:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
2:00AM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
4:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
9:00AM	Caesars Palace	\$65
9:00AM	Monte Carlo	\$40+\$10AO
9:30AM	Paris	\$65
10:00AM	Binion's	\$50
10:00AM	Gold Coast Casino	\$22
10:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
10:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
10:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
11:00AM	Bally's	\$80 + \$40 option
11:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
11:00AM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
11:00AM	Mandalay Bay	\$50
11:00AM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
11:00AM	Oasis (Mesquite)	\$15, \$15RB, \$15AO
11:00AM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO
11:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
12:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$330
12:00PM	Luxor Casino	\$30
12:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
1:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
1:30PM	Paris	\$65
2:00PM	Bellagio	\$500+\$40
2:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
2:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
2:00PM	The Venetian	\$130+\$15
3:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$65
3:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
3:00PM	Monte Carlo	Sit 'n Go
3:30PM	Harrah's	\$60, \$10 Bounties
7:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
7:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO

NEVADA

7:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO
7:00PM	The Orleans	\$105
7:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
7:00PM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	The Venetian	\$160+\$15
11:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO

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12:15AM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
11:00AM	The Borgata	\$100 + \$20
11:30AM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$50 + \$5
12:15PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
1:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$40 +10
3:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20
7:00 PM	The Borgata	\$150 + \$30
7:15 PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
7:30PM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$50 + \$5
8:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$68 +12
9:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20

TUESDAY

12:15AM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
11:00AM	The Borgata	\$100 + \$20
11:30AM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$50 + \$5
12:15PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
1:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$40 +10
3:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20
7:00 PM	The Borgata	\$150 + \$30
7:15 PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
7:30PM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$50 + \$5
8:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$68 +12
9:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20

WEDNESDAY

12:15AM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
11:00AM	The Borgata	\$100 + \$20
11:30AM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$50 + \$5
12:15PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
1:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$40 +10
3:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20
7:00 PM	The Borgata	\$150 + \$30
7:15 PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
7:30PM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$50 + \$5
8:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$68 +12
9:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20

THURSDAY

12:15AM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
11:00AM	The Borgata	\$100 + \$20
12:15PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
1:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$40 +10
3:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20
7:00 PM	The Borgata	\$150 + \$30
7:15 PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
8:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$68 +12
9:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20

NEW JERSEY

FRIDAY

12:15AM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$100 + \$20
11:30AM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$50 + \$5
12:00PM	The Borgata	\$300 + \$40
12:15PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
1:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$40 +10
3:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20
4:15 PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$100 + \$20
6:00 PM	The Borgata	\$500 + \$60
7:15 PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$175 + \$25
7:30PM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$70 + \$7
8:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$68 +12

SATURDAY

12:15AM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$100 + \$20
11:00AM	The Borgata	\$300 + \$40
11:30AM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$50 + \$5
11:15AM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
1:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$150 + \$25
1:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$175 +25
4:15 PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$100 + \$20
7:15 PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$300 + \$40
7:30PM	Trump Plaza (Electronic Poker)	\$70 + \$7

SUNDAY

12:15AM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
11:00AM	The Borgata	\$100 + \$20
11:15AM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$50 + \$15
1:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + 20
1:15 PM	Harrah's Poker Room	\$40 +10
4:00 PM	The Borgata	\$100 + \$20
4:15 PM	Trump Taj Mahal	\$100 + \$20
9:00 PM	Caesars Atlantic City	\$100 + \$20

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A Look at Four of the November Nine



The final table of the World Series of Poker main event is still a couple of months away, but it certainly isn't too soon to take a look at those in the running for the coveted platinum bracelet and the \$9 million top prize. Over the next couple of issues we will briefly profile each of the nine and look at the chip counts and odds to win the championship (courtesy of Bodog). Here are the first four in descending order of their chances of winning the main event. (Career tournament winnings listed do not include the \$900,000 that each has already received for making the final table.)

Kelly Kim 25-to-1

The long odds for the Korean native aren't a knock against his poker ability, but a realistic take on his chances. Coming into the final table with only 2.62 million in chips Kim is at a serious deficit since the chip leader has more than 26 million and the next lowest total is more than 10 million. Kim will have his work cut out for him.

He certainly has the ability, with \$362,000 in career tournament winnings, the biggest of which was a \$62,000 cash at the L.A. Poker Classic in 2006. The 31-year-old from Whittier, Calif., used to work as a business analyst but now calls himself a professional poker player. His tournament cashes date back to 2001 so Kim has been around the circuit for awhile. He has three cashes at the WSOP, all from 2008. The other two were in the \$1,000 No-Limit Hold'em with rebuys and the \$2,500 NLHE.

Craig Marquis 10-to-1

A fixture online, where he goes by the screen name "craigmarq", Marquis is relatively new to the live poker tournament scene with only four cashes of record, including the 2007 \$5,000 Pot-Limit Hold'em and \$1,000 NLHE with rebuys and the 2008 \$1,500 NLHE Shootout. His total earnings prior to the main event were \$36,000.

The 23-year-old college student and part-time guitar player plans to buy his family in Arlington, Texas, a swimming pool with some of his prize money. He comes into the final table with 10.21 million chips, second lowest in the field of nine.

Marquis has only played poker since January 2007, but has been a quick learner. Perhaps that's because he studies the best online players. On his PokerPages profile, Marquis recognizes the accomplishments of online

phenoms such as Phil "Jman" Galfond, David "Raptor" Benefield and Tom "Durr" Dwan.

Darus Suharto 17-to-2

The 39-year-old from Toronto is one of the biggest mysteries of the final table. He doesn't have much tournament experience of record, seeming to focus more on his career away from the table. Suharto earned his MBA from Indiana University and works as an accountant. This native of Indonesia won a satellite to get into the main event. He has only one cash of record, also from the main event. Suharto finished 448th in the 2006 incarnation of WSOP's grandest stage, winning \$26,000. He comes into this final table with 12.51 million in chips.

Ylon Schwartz 8-to-1

The 38-year-old used to hustle chess games in New York City's public parks for money. That was until he found poker. When Schwartz discovered he could make a far better living with cards he gravitated toward poker.

The Brooklyn native has been around for a decade, with 30 cashes of record and \$256,000 in career earnings. He has cashed 12 times at the WSOP, which is more than any of the other finalists. His best previous finish was 15th place in the \$2,000 buy-in Limit Hold'em event this year. Schwartz enters the final table with 12.52 million in chips. **R**

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7PM	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	*TPOY	NONE	4,000
11PM	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	*TPOY	NONE	4,000
NOON	NO LIMIT HOLD'EM	*TPOY	NONE	4,000
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John Phan “The Greatest Heads-Up Match In WPT History”

Like the Ice Bowl at Lombardi’s Lambeau Field, it was one for the ages.

In what poker ambassador Mike Sexton called, “The greatest heads-up match in WPT history,” John “Razor” Phan defeated Amit Makhija to win the 2008 Legends of Poker at the Bicycle Casino in Bell Gardens, CA. The final hand had Makhija moving all in on the button for 2.04 million.

Phan, with more than nine million chips, made the call with 3h-3s. His opponent held Kd-7d. The flop came Qs-5h-5c, giving Makhija “counterfeit” outs. The turn card was the ace of spades. With an ace, a king, a queen, or a seven, Makhija would survive.

The river brought the 10 of spades, giving Phan his first WPT title along with \$1,116,428.

“I’m just so happy ... I was so focused and I never gave up,” said Phan, right after the win.

Following a tense, up-and-down battle, he was quick to praise Makhija.

“He’s tough ... he’s a very good player,” Phan said.

A resident of Brookfield, WI, Makhija, 23, walked away with \$563,320 for his second-place finish. An emerging force in poker, he cashed three times and made one final table at the 2008 World Series of Poker.

The victory adds to an impressive run for Phan, a native of Vietnam now living in Long Beach, CA, and plants him on top of the poker world. In a span of ten weeks, Phan has captured a pair of WSOP bracelets, finished fifth at the Bellagio Cup IV, and, as detailed above, grabbed his first WPT

title, his winnings for the period totaling \$1,875,000.

The win at the Bike may have marked the first time he has earned top honors in a World Poker Tour Championship event, but it shouldn’t come as that much of a surprise. In the last six WPT competitions, Phan, who started playing cards at the age of 16, has advanced to three final tables.

Thus far, for his career, he has 95 cashes, 16 wins and has banked \$5,288,494. There are many “stars” in the poker world. With his latest accomplishments, John Phan has clearly established himself as a “superstar.”

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Season VII Tournament Schedule

TOURNAMENT NAME	HOSTING CASINO	LOCATION	FINAL TABLE	DATE*	BUY-IN	ENTRY FEE
WPT Spanish Championship <small>(Non-televised event)</small>	Casino Barcelona	Barcelona, Spain	May 27	May 23 - 27, 2008	€5,000	€300
Bellagio Cup IV	♦ Bellagio	Las Vegas, NV	July 17	July 11 - 17, 2008	\$15,000	\$400
The Bicycle Casino Legends of Poker	♦ The Bicycle Casino	Los Angeles, CA	Aug 28	Aug 23 - 28, 2008	\$9,500	\$500
Borgata Poker Open	Borgata	Atlantic City, NJ	Sept 18	Sept 14 - 18, 2008	\$9,600	\$400
North American Poker Championship	Fallsview Casino Resort	Niagara Falls, Canada	October 16	Oct 10 - 16, 2008	\$10,000 <small>CDN</small>	\$300 <small>CDN</small>
Festa Al Lago	♦ Bellagio	Las Vegas, NV	Oct 25	Oct 20 - 25, 2008	\$15,000	\$400
Foxwoods World Poker Finals	♦ Foxwoods Resort Casino	Mashantucket, CT	November 11	Nov 5 - 11, 2008	\$9,700	\$300
Doyle Brunson Five Diamond World Poker Classic	♦ Bellagio	Las Vegas, NV	December 19	Dec 13 - 19, 2008	\$15,000	\$400
Gulf Coast Poker Championship	Beau Rivage	Biloxi, MS	January 19	Jan 16 - 19, 2009	\$9,700	\$300
Borgata Poker Classic	Borgata	Atlantic City, NJ	January 29	Jan 25 - 29, 2009	\$9,600	\$400
L.A. Poker Classic	♦ Commerce Casino	Los Angeles, CA	March 5	Feb 28 - Mar 5, 2009	\$9,600	\$400
WPT Celebrity Invitational**	♦ Commerce Casino	Los Angeles, CA	March 9	March 7 - 9, 2009	N/A	N/A
Bay 101 Shooting Star	Bay 101	San Jose, CA	March 20	March 16 - 20, 2009	\$9,600	\$400
Foxwoods Poker Classic	♦ Foxwoods Resort Casino	Mashantucket, CT	April 9	April 4 - 9, 2009	\$9,700	\$300
WPT World Championship	♦ Bellagio	Las Vegas, NV	April 25	April 18 - 25, 2009	\$25,000	\$500

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GRAHAM FUNKE HAS GOT COOL, DOWN

BY DAVE LUKOW

DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A MUSICIAN?

Yes, on a couple of levels. As a DJ, I manipulate the music, and I'm a trained musician. With what we do, you want to know the construction of music.

WHEN DID YOU KNOW YOU WANTED TO BE A DJ?

When I was a teenager in L.A., they used to have parties. At these parties, I met a famous DJ, Mike Messex, and he let me carry his record crates. I noticed the attention he was getting – and I liked it. I was aware of the buzz he created.

ARE THERE TIMES WHEN YOU WISH YOU WERE DOING SOMETHING ELSE?

I graduated from the University of San Francisco, and went to UCLA for screenwriting. I've done a ton of commercials. All of the stuff I'm interested in, I still do. Where I can fit it in, I do.

circuit, and provides entertainment for some of Hollywood's hardest-hitting heavyweights, among them, George Clooney.

As I spoke with the laid-back, yet articulate, Funke, a man versatile enough to have appeared in television commercials for Starburst, Adidas and Citibank, I was impressed, not only by his talent and diversity, but also by his endurance.

A top-of-the-list DJ, who spins and mixes at many of the hippest nightclubs in the United States, including AREA, Hyde, Les Deux and Opera, in L.A., and Ghost Bar, at the Palms in Las Vegas, Funke keeps it real despite a grueling schedule that has him catching more airplanes than sleep.

Working alongside DJ StoneRokk, Funke, a graduate of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, is also in demand on the party

WHERE'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO WORK?

I love Dallas, Chicago. I love Miami, and I have a great time in Oklahoma City. There are so many variables that can change the outcome of a night. I'm more of a fan of the city. Right now, my favorite cities are Chicago and Miami.

HOW DO YOU RELAX?

I don't relax a whole lot, but I have fun, always. I read a lot. I'll put in an old movie. We talk about taking sailing lessons, but there's no time. I smoke a pipe, a real pipe. People think it's walking pneumonia, but I feel like I'm constantly sick, like I've got the flu. All the things I do add up to staying sick.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF MUSIC?

I listen to books on tape in the car. That's what I like to listen to. As far as music, I still love hip-hop from the early '90s, and rock n' roll. If it's a good song, it's a good song.

AT WHAT POINT DID YOU REALIZE YOU'D MADE IT?

I don't think I've made it as a celebrity. People want you around, but that doesn't mean you're a celebrity. I'm popular, but when I started, you couldn't get money and you couldn't get fame. We come from a love of doing the job. This level of attention is so recent. Right now, I'm in demand. We do the job, and we do it well.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DISLIKE ABOUT FAME, OR CELEBRITY?

Really, I set out to live in a certain way – and I don't let anything disrupt that. I'm just doing my thing. I haven't noticed the negatives.

HOW'S YOUR POKER GAME?

I never really got into it until we were in Vegas, and had a poker table in the house. All the DJs play poker. I'm more interested in the home game. To me, it's more fun. I'm more interested in the social aspect.

HOW DOES THE CASINO CROWD, TODAY, DIFFER FROM WHAT WE SAW 25 YEARS AGO?

I wasn't there 25 years ago, but judging from the people that were there, the casinos are just huge parties. It's not the same as we imagined it would be. But, the dude abides.

Darlene would like to thank Dave Lukow for this interview. Keep up with everything Graham Funke at www.grahamfunke.com



Darlene's Quick Picks September

Cracker—Sept. 9
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas NV

Dr. John—Sept. 13
The Fillmore, San Francisco, CA

Great Big Sea—Sept. 16
House of Blues, Reno NV

Kid Rock—Sept. 19
Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio CA

Santana—Sept. 28
Soboba Casino, San Jacinto CA

Jerry Joseph—Sept. 30
The National Underground, New York NY



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Ask Hoyt

Alabama's favorite poker son recently returned to Las Vegas after some lengthy R&R in Florida. He will now take your questions...

AT WHAT POINT DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE POKER AS A CAREER? — Amy in Alabama

I would say probably the first time I ever played. It came natural to me. I won right off the bat and it was easy for me. This was 1978 at the Holiday Inn in Troy (Ala.) and it was a mixed game. It was a \$10 limit and some of those old timers are still alive. That was my first game and I think I won the first 11 times in a row. We would rent a room and it was just easier on everybody. There was plenty of parking and we would tip the maid a little extra to clean up the place because that many men were pretty messy.

HOW DID THE LEGENDS OF POKER GO FOR YOU? — Butch in Texas

I didn't play the Legends of Poker. My house got broke into out here and I've been dealing with it. I still got my motorcycle missing and they got my poker memorabilia and my safes so it was a big deal. It was on the news out here. I did get the big rock crawler jeep back and the Denali back so I was proud of that.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO UNWIND AFTER THE WORLD SERIES OF POKER? — Brandon in West Virginia

I went to Panama City Beach and just hung out there and listened to the waves. I did that for three or four days and then I went to Gulf Shores. That was the first time I had ever been there. That was nice. I really didn't do any fishing. Any time I got the chance to it was either hot and muggy or raining.



DO YOU THINK YOU WILL EVER RETIRE FROM POKER? — Shannon in Florida

No, I don't believe in retirement. Slowing down, but not retirement.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE HAND? — Gary in Arkansas

I would probably say the A-K against Mike Matusow's A-Q in the Tournament of Champions in 2005. I would have had 90 percent of the chips in play if I had won the pot and been heads up against Phil [Hellmuth]. Mike caught a queen on the turn so I lost the tournament.

WHAT SORT OF TV SHOWS DO YOU WATCH? — Louis in Virginia

I like the Alaskan shows, about Alaskan fishing and ice road trucking and the wilderness shows. I also like to watch SEC football. **R**

Hoyt Corkins is one of the world's best poker players. The two-time World Series of Poker champion is known as the "Alabama Cowboy" and "Mr. All-In." Each month Hoyt shares his 30 years of poker experience with our readers. If you have a question for Hoyt, you can write him at askhoyt@rounderlife.com.



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