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13	Sun, Oct 26	12PM	No-Limit Hold'em Championship	\$5,000+\$150
	Mon, Oct 27	12PM	Day 2 of Championship Event	
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The World Poker Open gets under way tOctober 16th at The Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica, MS. The schedule consists of mostly \$300 and \$500 No-Limit Hold'em events as well as a \$500 Pot-Limit Omaha w/re-buys and a \$300 Omaha Hi-Low 8/better. The main event is a \$5000 buy-in and has 2 starting days, Sunday October 26th and Monday October 27th. The Gold Strike, which is already known for their generous treatment of poker players, is taking it one step further by creating an in-house nightclub to further entertain the guests. Anyone who has been to Tunica knows that this will be a welcome addition. Memphis, is still a great place to visit for a night out and dinner, but the option to stay at the casino and unwind will definitely be a big hit with the players.

Congratulations to Vivek Rajkumar for winning the Borgata Poker Open (WPT). The play was fast and furious, evidenced by the fact that the final table was completed in less than 3 hours. The 22 year old internet phenom played wonderfully and was the benefactor of a "so sick" all-in catch against Mark Seif's pocket AA's when the two combatants were the big stacks. Poker can be cruel, and it can change lives, and that hand is the reason why both players probably didn't sleep much that night. The Borgata guaranteed a 5 million dollar prize pool for the event and covered it with a 516 player field.

Chris Reslock is one of those guys that just goes about his daily business of taking opponents money quietly, without much fan fair. The North Dakota native, who calls Atlantic City his home now, has over \$1.5 million dollars in tournament winnings. Reslock spends most of his days playing cash games and tournaments in the Atlantic City casinos. We hate to blow his cover, but people need to know. This guy is good !

Tamara Witmer Rocks ! The former Miss August 2005 Playboy Playmate of the Month had her Rounder cover shoot at the Red Rock Casino Resort Spa in Las Vegas. The Red Rock staff was very accommodating and a special thank you needs to be extended to Lori Nelson, Director of Ad Development, for all her help, and to Matt Sacca, Director of Player Development, for making sure Tamara was entertained. She was treated to several nice dinners at the Resort, a fun night out at the Cherry Nightclub, as well as a few relaxing days at their luxurious pools. We also need to thank Hugh Hefner. Tamara is the 4th Playboy Playmate to appear on the cover of Rounder, joining Spencer Scott (December '07), Monica Leigh (May '08), and Stacy Fuson (August '08). We can't help it that Hef has all the pretty girls, and so far we haven't heard any complaints.

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10.31.08	4pm	Limit Hold'em \$120
11.01.08	Noon	\$65K Guaranteed No Limit Hold'em \$550
11.01.08	4pm	Omaha Hi/Lo split \$120
11.02.08	Noon	No Limit Hold'em \$340
11.02.08	4pm	Limit Hold'em \$120
11.03.08	Noon	No Limit Hold'em \$230
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
10.30.08 -11.2.08 & 11.08.08	8pm	Daily Turbo No Limit Hold'em \$60
10.29.08- 11.08.08	Midnight	Turbo No Limit Hold'em \$60
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Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa, the first billion-dollar luxury resort to be built off the Las Vegas Strip, opened in April 2006. Located on 70 acres of land close to the majestic Red Rock mountains in Summerlin, Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa is approximately 10 miles west of the Las Vegas Strip and a 20-minute drive from McCarran International Airport.

Inspired by the natural beauty of the neighboring Red Rock mountains, Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa pays homage to the elegant desert oasis resorts of the mid-20th century. The feel is classic, cool Las Vegas, reinvented for the 21st century, and redefining how casinos are designed, incorporating natural light and the comforts of a modern lifestyle into the space. The property is owned and operated by Station Casinos, Inc., one of the largest private gaming companies in the United States. It is Station Casinos' 16th property in Southern Nevada. The fresh, contemporary, desert-modern architecture at Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa is the pinnacle of Station Casinos, Inc.'s, luxury resorts. The cost of building was approximately \$1 billion, the most expensive (per key) resort ever built off the Strip. Every detail, from the 3.1 million pieces of crystals in the colossal chandeliers to the miles of onyx adorning the walls, is a blend of warmth and contemporary design. Rich reds, golds and browns, inspired by the nearby Red Rock mountains, are the foundation of the color palette, and the finest materials, from the Venetian plaster walls to the gold-leafed ceilings, convey a feeling of comfortable elegance.

HOTEL

From 525 square feet for a standard room up to 6,500 square feet for a penthouse-level suite, the guest rooms at Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa are some of the largest and most lavish in Las Vegas. The property features more than 800 guest rooms and suites. The seven penthouse-level suites, situated on the top floor of >>>>>





the hotel tower, were designed to offer the ultimate in luxury and each features a unique design. The One 80, Canyon and Strip suites were recently completed as part of the hotel's expansion. One 80 is named for the spectacular 180-degree view that includes both the iconic Strip and the majestic Red Rock mountain range. Canyon was designed to be a cool and refreshing natural antidote to the heat of the surrounding desert. Floor-to-ceiling windows in every room of the 4,000-square-foot suite provide majestic views of Red Rock Canyon for which the suite was named. Strip provides unobstructed views of the Las Vegas Strip, which glimmers in the distance at night.

CASINO

The casino features comprehensive and state-of-the-art gaming including 3,200 slot/video Poker machines, 62 table games, Race and Sports book, with 96-foot video wall, 24-hour smoke-free Poker room, Bingo parlor, Keno lounge, and a private High-limit room.



SANDBAR POOL BACKYARD

The centerpiece of the casino resort can be seen from every vantage point on the property. Situated on four acres, the backyard offers a pool area, which includes a main pool with an interactive fountain feature, a private pool area, cabanas, six wading pools, an exciting pool-side gaming environment featuring blackjack tables, a café and poolside beverage service. The pool area also serves as an entertainment venue and can host a variety of public and private events and concerts for as many as 3,000 people. Sting graced the stage on grand opening night as the first performer

SPA

The 25,000 square-foot Spa at Red Rock Las Vegas offers a sleek, ultra-modern retreat that promotes health, relaxation and rejuvenation. Drenched in rich shades of red and clean creams and whites, the space envelops guests in a luxurious atmosphere and provides them with a calming sense of privacy. The Spa at Red Rock offers an extensive menu of treatments ranging from facials to massages to body treatments, and salon services. With Adventure Spa the resort takes advantage of its proximity to Red Rock Canyon and other national and state parks in the country by offering customized adventure activities such as hiking, kayaking, rock climbing and mountain biking. The program is led by outdoor expert David Bert of local NPR notoriety for his acclaimed outdoor-focused radio show.



DINING


Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa features 10 restaurants and a food court with diverse food offerings and price points to satisfy everyone's cravings and budget. Most restaurants also feature outdoor patio seating. Dining options include T-bones Chophouse and Lounge: an upscale steakhouse featuring oversized dry-aged prime steaks, signature bone-in meats, fresh fish and an extensive wine list; Terra Rossa Italian Restaurant: which offers authentic Italian foods in an upscale environment; Hachi: a contemporary Japanese and sushi restaurant; LBS: A Burger Joint: a rock 'n' roll casual dining experience that serves up gourmet burgers without a gourmet attitude; Salt Lick BBQ: bringing Texas' world famous BBQ restaurant to Las Vegas; Cabo Cantina: featuring authentic Mexican Baja foods; Grand Café: Station Casinos' popular 24-hour casual American bistro; Feast Buffet: with freshly prepared food offerings from around the world; Turf Grill: bringing back classic blue-plate specials and comfort foods; and finally Sandbar Poolside Café: offering a variety of fun foods for pool-goers to enjoy; The Food Court: Provides eight additional offerings from recognized outlets including Fatburger, Panda Express, Tropical Smoothie Café, Capriotti's, Villa Pizza, Starbucks, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and Rubio's. Room Service providing a variety of offerings is available 24 hours a day.

ENTERTAINMENT

Red Rock Lanes: The 72-lane bowling center is the most expensive venue of its kind to ever be built in the United States. With a contemporary aesthetic that mirrors that of the resort, it features the most state-of-the-art bowling equipment and audio and visual systems ever created for a bowling venue and can be instantly transformed into a party environment that includes custom glow

lighting effects, strobes, fog machines, image generators and disco balls. A separate 12-lane VIP suite provides bowlers with a unique nightclub experience.

Red Rock Lanes hosted the prestigious PBA Tournament of Champions in January 2008 and will host it again in 2009.

CHERRY Nightclub is an 8,500-square-foot club that redefines the Las Vegas nightlife experience with world-famous DJs, a full bar with signature drinks and the most advanced lighting and sound system ever created for a nightclub. The sleek space flows into the outdoor area with an expansive private pool deck and cabanas. Bars and Lounges include Rocks Lounge offering free live entertainment, Onyx Bar, Sand Bar and Lucky Bar. 





Matt Sacca has been at this awhile.

The director of player development at the Red Rock Casino Resort Spa in Las Vegas, Sacca began his career at the Tropicana in Atlantic City, way back in 1980. Just five years later, he became the seating captain at the Trop. It was the era of big shows and Tuesday Night Fights, events that featured or attracted superstars like Sean Penn, Madonna, Eddie Murphy, the Moody Blues, Hall and Oates, and boxing legends Mike Tyson, Larry Holmes, Joe Frazier and Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini.

At the same time, Sacca, a native of Woodbury, New Jersey, tended bar at Trump Plaza, polishing his style and banking even more contacts, which would lead to bigger titles and larger paydays down the road.

After 15 years in Atlantic City, he ventured west, heading for the epicenter of the gaming, glamour and entertainment universe, Las Vegas.

Since his arrival, he has willingly paid his dues – there's no doubt about that – but the impressions he's made are lasting ones. His first success was at the Hard Rock, but he's also commanded the scene at several of the town's hottest spots, including Treasure Island, the Mirage and Green Valley Ranch, where, shortly after his arrival, he found himself on TV, as one of the key players in the reality series, American Casino.

Q & A with Matt Sacca

Red Hot! Matt Sacca Rocks the World in Sin City

BY DAVE LUKOW

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO LAS VEGAS?

I came out here to change my career. I worked two jobs for ten years in Atlantic City, so I knew I could do what these guys were doing. I was the host at the Hard Rock, in 1995, when it opened. From there, after three years, I went to Treasure Island.

After that, I was at the Mirage from 2000-03. Then, it was Green Valley Ranch, where they were starting the reality series.

Actually, that turned out really well for me. I like the way I was portrayed. We did 33 episodes.

IS THERE ANYPLACE ELSE YOU'D RATHER BE?

There are always steps, so you have to keep progressing.

With that being said, I love the product we have at Red Rock. This is a place where you can come - and not have to go anywhere else! You can bowl, go to the movies, our race and sportsbook is as good as any in town. When you walk into this hotel, you know you're at an opulent resort.

AS A DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, WHAT'S YOUR MAIN TASK?

It's not as regimented as other jobs I've had. I can create my own events. I can plan my own marketing trips.

DO PLAYERS FOLLOW PERSONNEL FROM ONE CASINO TO ANOTHER?

A lot of our value is because we can bring an influx of new business to a new property. It's a shame, because you'd like to be loyal.

They want your book of winners. It's kind of like a stockbroker. My phone is always ringing, because I've established myself. If it isn't ringing, then I'm calling someone else.

WHAT GIVES YOU AN ADVANTAGE WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO SECURE A PLAYER?

I look at all the different ways of getting new business. I've developed a lot of relationships, with people that do what I do, across North America. I do affiliate programs with these guys. It's win-win for everybody.

Every state, just about, has gaming ... and where do these players want to go? Las Vegas, that's the dream.

DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE SWAGGER?

If you don't, you'll get eaten alive. The players are so educated, you can't allow them to muscle or bully you. You have to be savvy enough to show them how the system works. They may not agree with it, but they'll understand your position.

WHAT'S YOUR MEASURE OF SUCCESS?

Being straightforward and honest.

You can't promise something you can't deliver. These guys respect me, because I never say something that I can't do. That's your edge.

AT RED ROCK, COULD THE AMENITIES ALONE SWAY THE CUSTOMER?

No, the marketing is the key to getting the guys here. The amenities get them to come back.

VEGAS, NO DOUBT, IS DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS 25 YEARS AGO. HAS IT GOTTEN BETTER?

In the old days, it was wide open. A room, comp, was real easy to get. It was easier to get credit and get comped.

With computers, the masses became more aware. They know what they can get.

Now, though, with the current economic situation, it's more like the old days. Players have gotten bolder. They can ask for more. **R**

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College Football: Power Rating VS. Point Spread

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SPORTS FROM A VEGAS PERSPECTIVE



BY FAIRWAY JAY

Playing profitable poker requires patience, skill and an understanding of position and percentages. Successful players understand card ‘value’ and put the ‘percentages’ in their favor more often so they have the best chance to win more pots and take down the cash. Certainly a ‘feel’ for the game separates the novice from a polished pro, and when you also combine experience with good decisions, you’ll often find a winning ‘advantage’ player.

Handicapping and betting on sports has many similar characteristics. Those that work hard at their craft and understand line ‘value’, favorable situations and scheduling, and match-up advantages with statistical edges often win more bets and get the ‘green’. Just as a poker pro ‘reads’ his opponent and understands tendencies and situations rather than just the cards, a successful and experienced sports handicapper and bettor understands the human element of sports and knows how to ‘read’ situations and incorporate box score statistics and misleading information into profitable bets and results.

Team chemistry, coaching and a comprehensive game approach can put the percentages in a team’s favor and often overcome skill disadvantages. Talent doesn’t always win out. Did you see the USC Trojans and Florida Gators lose as big favorites during the last weekend in September? Public bettors and college football fans that like the ‘favorites’ found themselves in the ‘rough’ that final September weekend. College football betting favorites went a wallet busting 17-30-1 Against-the-Spread (ATS). The big betting

favorites (2 touchdowns or more) were 9-12 ATS, so backing those big boys with your bankroll was not a complete ‘bust’, but still a losing proposition.

College football handicappers that prefer to rely mostly on current form during the first month of the season can find themselves ‘off course’ and ‘scrambling’ to find the ‘green’. After all, if you listen to the ‘talking heads’ and the TV network ‘experts’, they would have you believe that the dominating early season performances turned in by top-5 teams Florida, USC and Georgia make them unbeatable. So what happens on the final weekend of September? Florida loses on their home field as a 22-point favorite to Mississippi. No. 1 Southern Cal (USC) was outplayed on the road in Corvallis and loses to Oregon State as a 4-touchdown favorite. And the Bulldogs were beaten soundly as well, as Georgia ‘dawged’ it as a 7-point home favorite and were ‘rolled’ by the ‘Tide when Alabama built a 31-0 halftime lead and cruised over their SEC opponent.

The linemaker makes adjustments weekly based on a number of factors including previous weeks’ differences in the ATS results. The betting public will often look to ‘hot’ teams or teams coming off a powerful performance to continue their high-level of play. The reality is that letdowns, emotions and the ebb and flow of college contests with young athletes make it difficult to bring your ‘A’ game every week. Several factors must be considered and incorporated into your analysis and breakdown of a contest before you go ‘all-in’. One must consider scheduling, match-

Jay Ginsbach, better known as ‘Fairway Jay’, lives in Las Vegas and is a professional sports handicapper, bettor and accomplished poker player. His documented success and winning results in football, basketball and PGA golf have earned his clients (Fairways Followers) plenty of profit and ‘green’ while establishing himself as a leading handicapper and ‘top pro’ in the NFL, college football and basketball the past five years. Fairway Jay’s insight and analysis can be heard each weekday morning on Sirius Hardcore

Sports Radio, channel 98, and in Las Vegas on FOX Sports radio channel 920. All of Fairway Jay’s forecasts, selections, blogs and writings are provided at Sportsmemo.com...a proven winner and leader in the sports service industry. If you have a question or comment for Fairway Jay, ‘shoot’ him an email at FairwayJay@cox.net. He’ll ‘chip-in’ with his thoughts, insight and help you stay on ‘course’ as you ‘fire’ for ‘fairways’ and ‘green’.

College Football games of interest in October and early November:

October 9-11

LSU at Florida
Texas vs Oklahoma (Dallas)
Arizona State at USC
Penn State at Wisconsin
Clemson at Wake Forest
(Thurs., Oct. 9)

October 16-18

Mississippi at Alabama
Missouri at Texas
California at Arizona
Ohio State at Michigan State
Virginia Tech at Boston College
BYU at TCU (Thurs., Oct 16)

October 25

Georgia at LSU
Texas Tech at Kansas
Penn State at Ohio State
South Florida at Louisville
So. Mississippi at Memphis

November 1

Florida at Georgia
Texas at Texas Tech
Nebraska at Oklahoma
Kansas State at Kansas
Air Force at Army

ups, injuries and motivation. Coaching and the ability to make adjustments factors into the equation, along with understanding conference versus non-conference play. You must use current stats and numbers to isolate strong, balanced offensive teams and better defensive units, and understand the strength of those numbers given the current slate of competition. The savvy handicapper can ‘dig’ through box scores and incorporate some of the misleading statistical information, turnovers and special teams play into ‘value’ opportunities in upcoming contests. But perhaps one of the most misunderstood aspect of the point spread on a weekly basis is that the linemaker’s original opinion of a team’s fundamental strength can be an accurate indicator of long-term performance and point spread success.

What does this mean? There are some great opportunities in the upcoming college football schedule to get the ‘green’ and earn plenty of profit by comparing and understanding the week 1 power rating numbers to the current week’s power rating and point spread. Last season, perceptive and value-conscious shoppers were able to go 41-20 Against-the-Spread (ATS) during the 3-week stretch of games in late September and early October. They did it by comparing the week 1 power rating numbers to the current week’s line, and wagering on the teams with a 7+ point discrepancy favoring the week 1 number. Following that formula during the last weekend of September this year proved very profitable, as those same bettors and myself were able to go 15-4 ATS by simply doing our homework and utilizing an original power rating to turn profits.

We cashed in on teams like SMU (+18), Oregon State (+25), Navy (+16), Mississippi (+22) and Nevada (+4); all underdogs with four teams winning outright. How did we do that? By understanding that there are some over-adjustments in the betting line following 3-4 weeks of college football action, and applying some power rating principles and original team forecasts into value-betting opportunities. Like a poker player that feels he missed out on a chance to ‘value’ bet or ‘trap’ an opponent to win a bigger pot, I’m even a little disappointed we didn’t ‘let it rip’ and pile up more profits that final September Saturday. However, there is always another ‘hand’ to play and ‘pot’ to win, and the first Saturday of October has an additional 16 college football contests that fit our extra ‘value’ formula and profitable profiles. There will be plenty of others on the October football schedule, and when we

combine these value and percentage situations with fundamental match-up and statistical edges on the playing field, we’ll be sure to win more money and profit even more the rest of October and into November.

If you’re interested in making ‘birdies’ and getting an edge on the bookmaker, you might want to sign up for ‘Fairway’s Forecast’ in October and November as we ‘fire’ at the ‘flag’ and ‘shoot’ for more ‘green’. Playing poker requires a risk/reward approach along with an investment of time and money to become a winning and profitable player. If you don’t have the time, energy or ability to get this type of information and apply some of ‘Fairway’s Fundamentals’, then get on my ‘bag’ and join ‘Fairway’s Foursome’ and we’ll win together. **R**

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Talk about a cliffhanger — we're only four weeks into the NFL season and already there's been more twists and carnage than last year's season finale of CSI! Two coaches got the axe, Tom Brady suffered a devastating, season-ending injury and some teams are already praying for another chance in 2009, while others are wondering what the heck happened.

And fantasy football team owners are waiting for the smoke to clear too. No doubt their heads are still spinning from the whirlwind of dramatic events that characterized the NFL's first four weeks. By all accounts, it looks like this High Stakes Fantasy Football league has more than enough surprises to keep things very interesting. The worst team on paper (projections) is sitting in first place, the best team (projections) is struggling to survive and everyone else is bunched up in the middle.

After four weeks, it turns out that two of the best players were some of the cheapest buys — Phillip Rivers with 73 points and Jay Cutler with 74 points. Rivers was purchased for \$2 and Cutler for \$6. Both of these QB's reside in the AFC west where the defenses are soft and the weather is usually pleasant. Does it get better than San Diego at night for a football game even if they no longer play at the Murph?

Drew Brees is the highest scoring player in the league and was purchased for \$28 by Brandon Cantu. After week 4, the top two RBs are Reggie Bush and Michael Turner, followed by Marion Barber and Frank Gore. Barber is having a tremendous year, even with Felix Jones as his backup but he has to tone it down a little bit.

There is no way he can lay the lumber like he does and not get hurt. Not only does Barber prey on the little corner backs, he will get down and lay the wood to a three-hundred plus pound lineman. Yeah, he's fun to watch but his career will be short-lived if he keeps it up. Personally, I love how he plays football and want him to stick around for a long time.

Would you believe that the highest scoring rookie RB in football is Matt Forte? He has more points than all other running backs excluding Turner, Bush, Barber, Brown and Frank Gore. Mike Postle has two of the top three WRs in football — Anquan Boldin and Brandon Marshall. And it's no surprise they're at the top since they both play in the West with nice weather and a soft division schedule.

With eight catches and four touchdowns, Chris Chambers is the most efficient player in fantasy football. I love the TD total, but let's get some more catches and some yac yards. Meantime, Santana Moss is bringing in the best bang for the buck — he is second in points and cost a whopping \$1! Nice job Phil on this pick. While giving props to Phil lets add another selection of his in Lendale While for \$7 has 5 td's which is tied for tops in the NFL.

It is not much of a stretch to hear that Jason Witten is the top TE in this league. But his backup in Dallas, Anthony Fasano, is near the top because he's the primary offensive weapon for the Dolphins, minus Ronnie Brown's all-world game against the Patriots in week 3.

Antonio Gates is securely in the second spot and his toe injury might not be as bad as was once

feared, so it looks like Kid Poker may get good value with this pick. Personally, I didn't take the risk with Gates and left him out of all my picks because I knew I could get a similar caliber player in a later round without the injury worries.

Erick Lindgren, who was suppose to be the lowest rated team according to projections, is 4-0 and is the only undefeated team in the league. Mike Postle has the highest scoring team in the league but is only 2-2 — which means he's basically getting unlucky at this point. But if his team continues to light up the scoreboard, his record should improve as he marches up the standings over the course of a season. Erick and Mike play each other this week which will be a huge matchup for this league. If Erick wins he has a strangle hold on the league, but if Mike wins then it will be a season long battle for the top seed in the playoffs.

On the flip side, Kid Poker has the lowest scoring team but is also 2-2. Gavin Smith who is 1-3 and lost Tom Brady in week one is the third highest scoring team. Poor guy hasn't had any luck in this league, but he's hanging in there and even though it looks bleak for him, he is still a tough out.

Jason Campbell was someone I liked last year, along with Santana Moss. It was my very cheap battery, but it looks like I was one year to early in this move. Campbell looks much better this year and that's helping Santana Moss post some great numbers. I remember watching Santana at the Orange Bowl and he is one of the most electrifying players I've ever had the pleasure to watch live. I've also got Frank Gore, as a freshman at UM in that same category.

After four weeks, we are starting to get an idea of what to expect from our players on a weekly basis, and now its time to look for where we can improve our roster. Is there a player that is sitting on someone's bench that is better then what you are starting? Can you go and get that player via trade or the waiver wire? Is there a match-up that will help a player score well in a specific week? For example, the Colts, Lions, Rams and Broncos all have major holes in their defenses that will enable some players to have some great games.

Whatever site you use, read the player updates to find good match-ups for the week. For example, I thought that Mushin Muhammad would benefit by being back in Carolina. So I drafted him in a few leagues and even started him in week 1. However, for the last couple of weeks he stayed on my bench. Then I saw a news update on him that said "Panthers WR Muhsin Muhammad has four career 100-yard games against the Falcons, including in two of their last three meetings. Carolina hosts Atlanta in Week 4". This update was great news for me because I needed another WR in my league.

I would not have started him, but the news alert helped me out and I rolled the dice. This was a great move because he had eight catches for 147 yards and a touchdown. Even though I work at CBSSPORT.COM, I neither have the time nor the patience to look up each player. My advice? Take advantage of the research that the writers at various sites do. These writers are good at what they do and basically do your homework for you. A word of caution — their predictions

do not always work out. Case in point, nobody predicted Ronnie Brown's five-TD performance in week 3, and I was not a fan of drafting him this year (as I'd mentioned in my previous article). But sometimes you've gotta roll the dice and take a chance on a player.

In week 5 we have some nice temporary free agents that can help team owners in this league. At the WR position, Mushin Muhammad is available along with Lance Moore — as long as Colston is out he should have some value. And Steve Breaston's a good pick too — especially if Boldin has to miss a game or two. Finally, Derrick Mason another wise choice. He was originally purchased for a \$1 in this league. If Flacco is going to play like he did this past Monday night, then Mason is going to have value in deep leagues. These players are great for the team owners who have the injured star, need depth on their rosters for the bye weeks, or need more production from the WR position then they are currently getting.

So here are some upcoming predictions:

Week 5: Steve Slaton will have a big game versus the Colts. As long as Slaton is healthy and the Texans have yet to get the ball to Andre Johnson, Slaton may be the best fantasy player on this team. Ronnie Brown might have another big game in week 5 against the Chargers and Philip Rivers will probably torch the Dolphins which means a big day for Gates and Chambers. You have to know that Chambers wants to have a big game against his old team.

Week 6: Santana Moss will light up the Rams along with Clinton Portis. The Rams have so few drafted players on their team and its going to take time for them to get better. By the way, I'm a Rams fan the only good thing about them this year is it's an easy play every Sunday.

Detroit at Minnesota means a big day for AP and possibly Bernard Berian who has to love his new QB and so should his fantasy owners. If you have not started him yet, this is a good time to go with him as the Lions can not stop anybody.

Jacksonville at Denver might mean a similar day for Jones and Fred Taylor as you saw when they beat the Colts. Both of them may go over 100 yards for the day.

Dallas in Arizona is a home game for the Cowboys and this game will probably be a shoot-out. Just about every WR in this game should put up good stats.

Finally, San Diego on Monday night football will have a field day with the pats in San Diego. If Ronnie Brown went nuts, imagine what a real offense can do to the Patriot's defense. Rivers, LT, Gates and Chambers should have great stats. Rivers will probably be leading the league in points by the end of this game because he has great match-ups in the upcoming two weeks.

If the rest of the season's anywhere near as tumultuous as the first four weeks, then you'd better hang on tight ... I think we're in for a rollercoaster ride! **R**

Eastern Division

Team	W	L	T	PCT	GB	Strk	Div	Wks	PF	Back	PA
Scott Keikoan	3	1	0	0.750	0	W2	1-1-0	0	363.0	6.0	348.0
Brandon Cantu	3	1	0	0.750	0	W2	3-0-0	0	314.0	55.0	270.0
Mike Postle	2	2	0	0.500	1	W1	1-2-0	1	369.0	0.0	324.0
Daniel Negreanu	2	2	0	0.500	1	L2	1-1-0	0	250.0	119.0	253.0
Mike McNeil	1	3	0	0.250	2	L2	0-2-0	0	288.0	81.0	341.0

Western Division

Team	W	L	T	PCT	GB	Strk	Div	Wks	PF	Back	PA
Erick Lindgren	4	0	0	1.000	0	W4	2-0-0	1	344.0	25.0	293.0
Nordberg Feldman	2	2	0	0.500	2	L1	1-1-0	0	334.0	35.0	317.0
Gavin Smith	1	3	0	0.250	3	W1	1-3-0	1	352.0	17.0	373.0
Dean Hamrick	1	3	0	0.250	3	L2	1-1-0	0	296.0	73.0	333.0
Phil Hellmuth	1	3	0	0.250	3	L1	1-1-0	1	258.0	111.0	316.0

HEIDI NORTHCOTT

BIRTHPLACE: Durham, North Carolina

MEASUREMENTS: 32-24-34

HEIGHT: 5'4"

EYES: Green

FAVORITES

ACTIVITY: Traveling

VACATION SPOT: White, sandy beaches
and Europe

POKER PLAYER: Jamie Gold

SPORTS TEAM: USC Trojans

Something tells me the feeling is
usually mutual.

A native of Durham, North Carolina,
Heidi currently makes her home in
Southern California, the locale of
her alma mater, USC.

Considering the Trojans' record
of dominating on the playing field,
it was no surprise that this blonde
bombshell also indulges in athletic
activities.

"Some would call me a tomboy because I'm
a thrill seeker, a pretty girl that can hang with
the guys," Heidi says. "I ride motorcycles,
play poker, softball and I can snowboard
with the best of them. No challenge is too
big for me – and there's not a whole lot
that I wouldn't at least consider trying."

In terms of looks, her photo says it all,
but her poker prowess – Heidi finished
18th in Event 7 of Larry Flynt's Challenge
Cup back in January, collecting \$500
for her performance – is an added
bonus.

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TASHIA MCINTOSH

BIRTHPLACE: Santa Clarita, CA
MEASUREMENTS: 32-24-34
HEIGHT: 5'6"
EYES: Brown

FAVORITES:
ACTIVITY: Sunbathing.
VACATION SPOT: Florida
POKER PLAYER: Not sure
SPORTS TEAM: Los Angeles Lakers

Tashia McIntosh knows her assets.
"My smile and butt," she replied, when asked what her best features were.
I don't think anyone can argue with that answer.
A model/actress, Tashia can attract them, there's no doubt about that, but that's not always such a good thing.
One fellow, in particular, went way out on a limb, only to come crashing to his carpet.
"We sat at the guy's house watching sports channels all day and night, then, he asked me what I was cooking for breakfast!"
In a way, you have to admire his bravado, but talk about having your cake and eating it too!
Luckily, not all of Tashia's suitors have been cavemen.
"My boyfriend blindfolded me in the car, for an hour, on my birthday," she gushed. "When I took the blindfold off, there were roses and a Tiffany's bag in front of me. We were at Disneyland and stayed the night."
He shoots – he scores!
Perhaps Tashia's boyfriend could give lessons.
If so, there's a sports fanatic with a preference for early-morning eating ... he could use some tips.

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Jan. 9	Friday	4 PM	Pot Limit Omaha/Rebuy	\$500+\$40
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Keep Your Opponents Guessing

BY PETER HEROLD

One of the keys to playing winning poker is mixing up your play and keeping your opponents off balance. Players that play the same hands the same way all of the time form a pattern that skilled opponents will inevitably decode. It is imperative to change gears from time to time in order to avoid this. One way to avoid falling into this trap is to constantly remind oneself that each hand carries with it a unique set of circumstances that requires independent thought and analysis. One must view each hand individually rather than fall into a default game plan and lump situations together.

I was recently faced with a very tough decision in a regular game that I play in and avoided disaster by thoroughly thinking through the hand rather than just playing the hand on auto-pilot. It was a 5-10 no limit hold em game and an early position player raised to \$60. After 3 other players called I decided to call from the button with 9(spade)-7(spade), because I had \$1800 in front of me and most of the table had me covered, giving me big "implied odds" if I could make a big hand. The big blind called as well, so 5 of us saw a flop of k(heart)-6(spade)-5(heart), giving me merely a gut-shot straight draw and a backdoor flush draw. The action checked around to me and I checked as well, happy to get a free look at the turn card. The turn was the 8(spade), the perfect card in that it gave me the nut straight as well as an open-ended straight flush draw. The first three players checked and then Phil, a loose aggressive opponent, bet \$125.

This left me in an enviable position, holding the nuts and facing a bet. Even though I knew I had the best hand at the moment, it was still important for me to try to figure out what my opponents had in order to maximize my value in the hand. Phil likes to play a wide range of hands, so while it was difficult to pinpoint his holding precisely, I was fairly sure that he was betting some sort of a "made hand" and not bluffing or semi-bluffing. In my experiences with Phil, he knows better than to bluff into four opponents with a very coordinated board (two flush draws and a straight draw), especially with a bet of only \$125 into a \$300 pot. This allowed me to narrow his range down to either 2 pair or set. I decided to make a large raise to \$400 in order to price out any other opponents with flush draws (with only 1 card to come this is far too much to pay for a flush draw) and either take down the pot right here or isolate myself and Phil.

As I suspected, the action folded back to Phil. He thought for a long time and eventually called, which confirmed my earlier read. With Phil, long pauses usually represent made hands and not draws. This is because Phil does math in his head very quickly so he's able to figure out whether he's getting a good price on his draw pretty fast, so a long think usually means he's reconfiguring all of the previous betting in the hand and trying to decide if his hand was good. At this point, I had him squarely on either a set or, more likely, two pair. (I thought two pair was more likely because Phil probably would have re-raised with a set, being that he could only lose to a higher set, 9-7 or 7-4.)

The river brought the 8(diamond), pairing the board. Phil thought for about 5 seconds and checked to me, so my initial instinct was that I still had the best hand. However, Phil is a tricky player that is certainly capable of check-raising the river with a full house. I studied the board and thought about all of the possible holding Phil could have given my read on the turn. All of his sets just made either a full house or (gulp) quad 8's. Of his possible 2 pair hands, k-8, 8-6 and 8-5 all just made full houses, and any other 2 pair hand just got counterfeited (meaning the pair of 8's on board just replaced his second pair) with would leave him with, at best, a lone king with no kicker. Therefore all of the hands that he could possibly have had either beat my straight or were no longer strong enough to call a big bet on the river. Even if my read on the turn were wrong and he had either a straight-draw or a flush-draw, either draw would have missed in which case he would not call a bet on the river either. After concluding that Phil could not call possibly call a bet with a losing hand, I decided to check behind and Phil turned over k(diamond)-8(diamond), for eights full of kings. Phil was understandably angry with himself for attempting to check-raise the river rather than leading out and forcing me to make a very difficult decision. Although I lost the hand, by carefully analyzing the progression of the hand as well as my opponents tendencies I believe I was able to make the correct decision at every stage in the hand and avoid falling into a major trap. R

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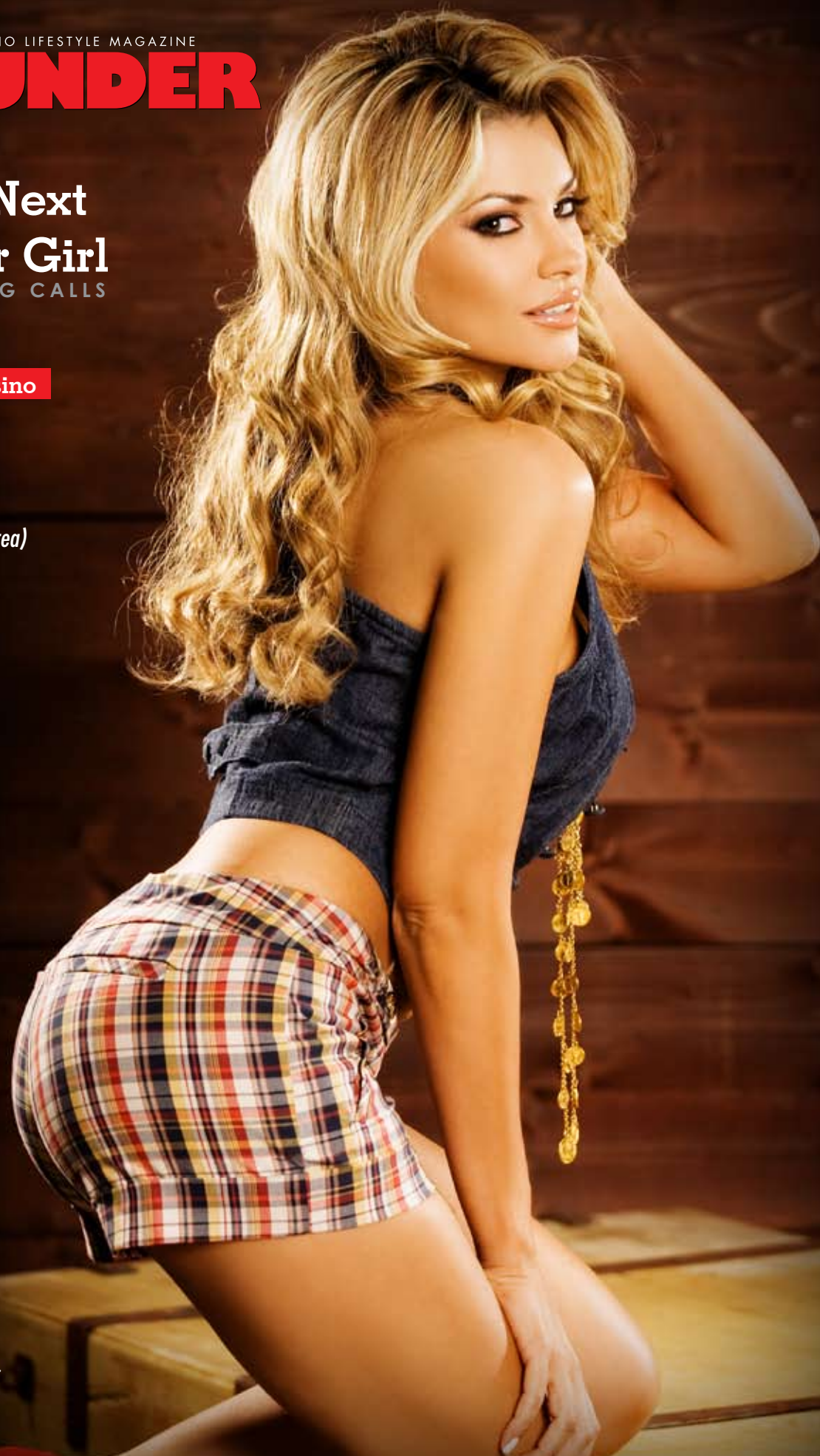
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How To Handle A Slump

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

In poker, it doesn't matter how good you are (or how good you think you are), you are going to run into some bad streaks, and sometimes these bad streaks can last a very long time. In a game where fortunes are dictated by the turn of a card, each player is going to experience unbelievably good and bad luck during short periods of time.

I know I've had my share of each, and lately it seems I've had more of the latter. That's just the way poker goes sometimes. If you want to stay in the game you've got to come up with methods for dealing with the bad times. There are a few ways of handling a bad run if you are experiencing a cold deck yourself. Here are a some things I would recommend you try:

Play Lower Limits – This is usually the first thing people tell you to do and it is good advice. The unfortunate thing about slumps is that players tend to go on tilt and play worse out of frustration. If you are playing smaller limits your tilting won't hurt as much. Players are also generally weaker as you move down in limits so the competition should be easier to beat. If you usually play \$2-\$5 blinds no limit, drop down to \$1-\$2. If you're a \$10-\$20 limit player, try \$5-\$10. Once you start winning consistently again, you can move back up.

Use Better Game Selection – Do your best to find games in which the players are easier to beat. If the competition at the table is known to be tough, try finding another game. It's not easy to break out of slump playing against trickier players. If you're online look for games where a higher percentage of the players see the flop. This is a good indication that the players are too lose.

Try Playing Different Games – If you only play in casinos or in home games, your choices in this regard may be limited, but online you have numerous options. I'm not only talking about playing Omaha or Stud instead of Hold'em, I'm also talking about playing sit-n-go's and multi-table tournaments versus playing only cash games, or full tables instead of short handed games. There are a lot of things you can try to break up your unlucky streak.

Just Take a Break for a While – And then there are times that no matter what you do, it seems you can't break out of the slump. If that's the case, just don't play any poker for a week, two weeks, maybe a month. You should come back feeling refreshed and with a positive outlook about the game. Now, if I can just take my own advice... **R**



RED-FACED AND OUT OF PLACE

BY SUSIE ISAACS



Iwrote an article some months ago titled, “Battle of the Sexes” in which I discussed men playing in ladies tournaments. As I said at the time, the battle rages on.

I recently returned from one of my personal favorite stops on my tournament trail, Ocean’s 11, in Oceanside, CA, for the California Ladies State Poker Championship. The winner will represent Ocean’s Eleven in various ladies events including the World Series of Poker, 2009. The day prior to the Ocean’s Eleven championship event, there was a LIPS (Ladies International Poker) event.

Because of recent discrimination lawsuits against several CA casinos including Ocean’s Eleven, the casino executives must, by law, allow men to play in ladies tournaments. I fully expected one or two child/men, looking for attention, to sign up. Was I ever surprised when not a couple but five percent of the field were male! Whether they were total gentlemen or total asses, it is beyond me why any man (unless they are in a medical transgender process) would want to enter a ladies poker tournament. One

I personally don’t understand why men would want to enter a ladies tournament. If they think it is a soft field, they are wrong.

player who I labeled “The Internet Kid” was at my first table. He was rude, crude and obnoxious. “Why”, I asked politely, “would you even want to play in a ladies event?” He claimed he was stuck in a \$30-\$60 game and came looking for a soft field. If that were true, he found out quickly that he was unsuccessful in his quest.

In both ladies tournaments, every time a man was knocked out of the tournament, the crowd went wild with applause, whistles, hoots, and hollers. Compare it to a football game that is tied with three seconds to go and your team kicks a 57 yard field goal to win as the buzzard goes off. The tournament room is separate from the live action area and every time a man was eliminated, there was so much noise that the live action players said things like, “Another man just bit the dust.” Most of the guys were highly embarrassed as they were mowed down by the feminine force. Many tried to make a quick escape by backdoors, employees’ exits, and the kitchen. A few took a bow to the ladies and all left the room red-faced. When the field was down to 75 ladies and one man, Lupe Soto announced, “Dead man walking!” One lady who eliminated a guy stood up and crowed, “I emasculated another!” Which prompted another lady to ask, “Don’t they emasculate themselves when they sit down in a ladies event?”

Lupe said it best, “It’s all about the numbers. In major events, five percent or less in the field is women. Here, approximately five percent of the field was men. Ladies don’t win major tourneys very often simply because of the numbers and so far, a man has never won a ladies event.”

My biggest complaint is for the new female player who enters a ladies event and is either ridiculed by a male or uncomfortable playing poker with them. As my friend Lisa Adams, Poker Champion and Author (www.herpokerplace.com) has stated, “Women-only tournaments are a “safer” place than mixed tournaments because they are missing the frequently intimidating element of the male dominated poker rooms. Not only do they provide an opportunity for newer women poker players to get their feet wet on this exciting shore, but they also encourage more experienced women players to refine and sharpen their poker game without the extra pressure.”

I personally don’t understand why men would want to enter a ladies tournament. If they think it is a soft field, they are wrong. If they are looking for attention, they get it, but it is negative attention. Would they really want to win a “Ladies Championship” title? Or are they just a minority of trouble makers? One answer when it comes to the law is for the hosting casino to simply hold a ladies only and a men’s only tournament on the same day with the same entry fee.

Guys, please, there are at least 100 to 1 open field events to ladies events. Let the girls have their tournaments and crown their ladies champions or do the opposite and be red-faced and out of place. **R**

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Kentucky Attempts Online Poker Ban Domain Grab

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear is going after online gaming, arguing that the sites are taking money overseas that should stay in the Bluegrass State.

Kentucky recently won a seizure order from a U.S. court against the domain name registrars for 141 gambling sites located outside the country. The sites include PokerStars and Full Tilt Poker.

Some proprietors aren’t taking the court order very seriously, believing that the U.S. has no authority over international domain name registration. Nick Wood, managing director of London-based Com Laude, which holds the domain name for PokerStars, said, “We anticipated this could happen and we’ve developed an action plan which largely consists of us not responding.”

Lawyers for the companies are expected to argue the Kentucky courts have no jurisdiction over dot-com domain names registered overseas.

In a statement, Beshear said, “The owners and operators of these illegal sites prey on Kentucky citizens, including our youth, and deprive the Commonwealth of millions of dollars in revenue. It’s an underworld wrought with scams and schemes.”

Beshear has said earlier that he pursued the action to protect local horse-racing gambling interests. Beshear has also campaigned for casinos to be located in Kentucky to generate more local tax revenue. He argued that the state was losing such revenue to online gambling.

Frank Bill Approved

Barney Frank’s persistence has paid off.

On September 16th, the House Financial Services Committee, by a vote of 30-19, passed the Payment Systems Protection Act (PSPA), a bill sponsored by Frank (D-MA) and Rep. Peter King (R-NY).

The legislation, in addition to forcing the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Treasury Department to formulate rules regarding transactions involving betting on sports, calls for an administrative law judge to rule what types of gambling are legal and illegal under the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 (UIGEA).

Frank had sponsored the same type of bill a few months ago, but it was defeated in committee by a vote of 32-32.

The PSPA will now go to the House floor for discussion.

“Under this bill, at least the banks know what is and isn’t illegal,” said Frank, during the markup hearing. “We’re asking the Treasury Department to give them a list.”

The leading opponent of the bill is Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL).

“I’m disappointed that we’re marking up another bill designed to impede the enforcement of the UIGEA,” Bachus said. “This legislation (the UIGEA) is necessary because the Internet gambling regulations cannot work like casino regulations.”

Despite the fact that the PSPA enables the U.S., under the UIGEA, to pursue those involved in betting on sports via the Internet, the major sports leagues remain opposed to any alteration of the controversial enactment.

“I’m puzzled by pro sports opposition to this,” Rep. William Clay (D-MO) said. “I’m trying to find out the difference between betting at Caesars or the Tropicana in Vegas and betting on the Internet.”

For those fighting for the legalization of online poker, the vote was clearly a boost.

“The PPA is pleased that the House Financial Services Committee today recognized the need to provide necessary clarification as to what constitutes ‘unlawful Internet gambling’ under the UIGEA by

passing H.R. 6870,” Alfonse D’Amato, the chairman of the Poker Players Alliance and a former U.S. senator, said. “This bipartisan compromise bill will rightfully advance the UIGEA to become immediately effective for such Internet gambling that is clearly unlawful, namely sports betting.”

Harrah’s Opens New Baccarat Bay



Harrah’s New Orleans Casino & Hotel celebrated the opening of Ha Long Baccarat Bay with a VIP reception, Lion Dance and ribbon-cutting on September 21. Harrah’s opened Ha Long Baccarat Bay as part of a \$3.9 million renovation of the Court of Good Fortune High Limit Area. The renovation included the addition of a \$1,000 slot machine offering players the chance to win a \$1 million

jackpot. Harrah’s New Orleans executives pictured from left to right are: Mickey Parenton, Vice President of Casino Marketing for New Orleans & Biloxi; Senior Vice President and General Manager Jim Hoskins; Director of Player Development Bao Do; Executive Casino Hosts Kavey Nguyen and Bruce Thai; National Casino Marketing Host Hiep Nguyen; Executive Casino Host Edith Ang; Kathy Breaux, Director of National Casino Marketing for New Orleans & Biloxi; Director of Table Games Tosha Skipper; and Director of Casino Marketing Kennedy Smith.

PokerStars Attracting Poker Stars

The names were as big as the prize pools.

Several of poker’s top professionals – many of them members of Team PokerStars – participated in WCOOP competitions September 15th.

Event 21, a \$530 Seven-Card Stud High-Low tournament, had a guaranteed prize pool of \$200,000, and attracted twenty PokerStars pros, including Daniel Negreanu, Greg Raymer, Hevad Khan, Isabelle Mercier and Barry Greenstein.

Ultimately, 525 players entered, and the prize pool was \$262,500.

An American player, weaktight, won the event, pocketing \$42,735.78.

As far as Team PokerStars, both Chad Brown (16th) and Andre Akkari (44th) were able to cash.

In Event 22, which also had a guaranteed prize pool of \$200,000, another player from the U.S., BUCKIZ6, finished first, good for \$55,800.

The field for the \$530 Mixed Omaha High-Low Six-Max tourney was 620, including Brown, Akkari, Greenstein, Raymer, Mercier, Lee Nelson, Vanessa Rousso, Katja Thater and Bill Chen.

Victor Ramdin was 14th, winning \$2,790.

The total prize pool amounted to \$310,000.

Coming Soon...

Acover shoot will be taking place at The Shores of Panama Luxury Condominiums in Panama City FL.



TRACI BINGHAM

Beauty's a Babe Far Beyond the Beach

BY DAVE LUKOW

I wouldn't even try to look away ... it's pointless.

Traci Bingham attracts eyes like a magnet, pulling you in with a presence that is simply overwhelming ... intoxicating. She first grabbed us back in 1996, when she debuted on *Baywatch*, that sun-and-skin TV series, which really had more babes, more bounce, than beach.

Thankfully, despite David Hasselhoff and his domain being rocketed into Teutonic syndication, she hasn't let go since.

We've been able to get more memorable tastes of Traci on *Celebrity Big Brother*, *The Surreal Life: Fame Games*, *Fear Factor*, *The Tyra Banks Show*, *Married with Children*, *Dream On* and *Reno 911!* She has also appeared in *Beach Movie*, *Strip Mall*, *Hanging in Hedo* and in *Babes of Baywatch*, where *Playboy* challenges one's ability to stand, uh ... straight.

This year, she was one of the stars in *Black Widow*, a thriller also featuring Christopher McDonald, Janine Turner, Rachel Hunter and Bill Smitrovich, and the musical, *Forever Plaid*, with David Hyde Pierce, Fred Willard and Loni Anderson.

Additionally, to the delight of any guy lucky enough to be in the right casino at the right time, she makes regular appearances at the poker table, surprising, borderline seducing, many of the players.

Personally, I've never played poker with Traci, but I can envision a lot of the male players groaning, wincing and adjusting themselves.

WHERE DID YOU BEGIN PLAYING POKER?

I learned to play poker at various casinos, just by watching the pros play. I also learned by reading books and watching tournaments, both live and on TV.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE GAME?

What I like most about it is the thrill, the challenge, the excitement, and, of course, the money you win when you've outsmarted everyone.

WHAT DO YOU DO TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME?

I love playing online. I love the fact that I can be anywhere at anytime and play. It's also helpful when you want to improve upon your skills. I've read just about every poker book out there. They really do help with your game. Also, often I'll read poker magazines and take a look at some of the poker websites.

A poker player needs to find and polish their skills. You have to make everyone notice you're on top of your game. But if I really told you how good I was, I wouldn't be able to play ... you'd know my secret.

DOES YOUR APPEARANCE HELP YOUR GAME?

I definitely think my looks are an asset at the table. I love to get dressed to play. Sometimes, I'll even get dressed, formally, because it's fun and makes the game interesting. Besides, sometimes it distracts the other players, and it provides good conversation.

ARE YOU A BIG FAN OF LAS VEGAS?

I really enjoy playing poker at the casinos — anywhere poker is really poker. I think the best places, though, are in Vegas.

DO YOU PLAY IN A REGULAR HOME GAME?

Lately, I haven't played in a regular home game, because I've been busy working on films and television shows. But I like playing dinner poker at my friends' homes. The loser has to prepare a six-course dinner for everyone that plays. So far, as much as I love to cook, I've never had to.

HAVE YOU PLAYED IN MANY TOURNAMENTS?

I've played in a lot of tournaments. The highlight, so far, was beating Jennifer Tilly in a tournament at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, California.

It was televised, and it actually aired while I was flying on Jet Blue Airlines — where everyone has a TV. When I got off the plane, people recognized me and applauded!

DO YOU STILL WATCH ANY OF THE POKER PROGRAMS?

I still watch poker on TV ... I just love it. I really enjoy the audience participation and I love seeing those cool poker shades.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PLAYER?

As far as the professionals go, I don't have a favorite player. I think they're all great. Celebrity poker games are also fun to watch. I love pulling for the underdog.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT STRIP POKER?

I absolutely love strip poker! I think everyone should play. It's exciting and sexy. You can learn a lot about a person when they're nude. I once got asked to host a strip poker show on TV, but I turned it down. It would've gotten pornographic. **R**



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ACTOR OLIVER SINGER WEARING
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California	(702) 385-1222
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Circus Circus	(702) 734-0410
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Eldorado	(702) 564-1811
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Tamara Witmer

BY DAVE LUKOW

Tamara has sizable appeal.

I mean, look at her, uh, resume. This California classic is just 24, but she's been a fixture in *Playboy*, has appeared in a pair of movies and was part of *Deal or No Deal*—where host Howie Mandel shares the stage with some of the most beautiful women on the planet—for eight episodes. Not bad for someone who elected to market herself. “I kind of just discovered myself,” Tamara said. “I was really ambitious and really determined. I sent out a lot of headshots, photographs and resumes. Eventually, I shot with a photographer, and afterwards he asked if he could submit me to *Playboy*. “Originally, I didn’t think the timing was right. It wasn’t until a year later that I agreed.” Once she said yes, opportunity came knocking. The magazine knew it had a winner. “I’ve been in *Playboy* more than 20 times, but that’s counting a lot of different countries,” Tamara told me. “I was on the cover in October of 2006, and was the centerfold in August of 2005.” Attracting the camera comes naturally for the native of Valencia. She’s been doing that since childhood. “My parents actually started me with modeling when I was a baby,” Tamara stated. “I did it casually in high school. After that, I got more serious.” One of the secrets to Tamara’s success is her dedication. She completely understands that modeling, like anything else, takes work. “Well, I try to eat healthy. Also, I walk a lot,” she >>>>>

advised. “Sometimes, I walk nine miles per day. It’s crazy. I also do a minimal workout with weights. Another thing is I drink a lot of water ... it keeps you lean.” Contrary to what’s been reported in the past, bowling is not part of her routine. “I actually joined a bowling league when I moved back to Los Angeles from San Diego (where she attended junior college),” Tamara laughed. “It didn’t last very long, but I’ve got my own shoes and my own ball. I thought it would be a good way to meet people.” It’s a **long way from the local lanes to the Playboy Mansion**. “That’s kind of hyped, to be honest,” Tamara admitted. “Back in the ‘70s and ‘80s, that’s when it was like what people would expect.

Now, it’s really tame. Hef is really generous and the food is really good. “There are a few celebrities, but nobody you’d like to get involved with. It’s fun, though, and, as I said, he’s very generous.” Like the subdued nature of his current get-togethers, Hefner isn’t one to overcompensate. “He’s quiet, but he’s very charming,” Tamara said. “He acts like a gentleman.” Tamara, obviously, admires *Playboy*’s patriarch, but it doesn’t stop there. At times, she’s taken a liking to some of his ... let me see ... projects. “**I used to be a big fan of Pamela Anderson**,” she said. “Right now, I wouldn’t say there’s anyone I idolize, or anything like that.” Anderson exploded off Hefner’s pages and onto movie and television screens. For Tamara, that’s not really where it’s at. “I would just like to keep it going,” she said. “I’d hate to fade away so fast. As a model, you only have five or six years. I haven’t really pursued acting.” Nevertheless, she has flirted with the film industry. “I did a movie for the Sci-Fi Channel (*Supergator*), which was pretty cute, back in 2007,” Tamara revealed. “I also shot another one (*Baby O*) that’s not done yet.” Tamara also appeared in *Rock of Love* with Bret Michaels, a reality series starring Poison’s frontman. **R**



Tamara Wilmer

BIRTHPLACE: Valencia, California

BIRTH DATE: March 21

SIGN: Aries

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:
Taking really long walks, being with
someone I'm dating, or my best friend

FAVORITE VACATION SPOTS:
Maui, Miami, New York and Mexico

PERFECT DATE:
Something short and sweet, like dinner
and drinks

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:
Los Angeles Lakers





Makeup and Hair: Kaptain & Co.

A woman with blonde hair is saluting with her right hand. She is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with a red bow at the collar and a blue corset-style top. A name tag that says "red rock" is pinned to her chest. In the top right corner, a black sign with white text reads: "1/2 PRICE DRINKS", "DOUBLE THE ENTERTAINMENT", "STIMULUS FRIDAYS", and "FEATURING: DJ CROOKED". Below her is a wooden podium with a circular logo that says "NIGHTLIFE WE TRUST", "CHERRY", "Las Vegas", "STIMULUS FRIDAYS", and "RED ROCK". The "red rock" logo is also visible in the bottom left, and the "CHERRY Las Vegas" logo is in the bottom right. The text "LEG AVENUE™" is centered below the podium logo.

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Chris Reslock

No Noise And No Nonsense

BY DAVE LUKOW

Chris Reslock was one of those players I'd heard of, but didn't know a lot about.

I had no idea what I was missing ... this guy is plain good.

A former professional firefighter, and always a potential taxi driver, Reslock has cashed 49 times in his career, captured a bracelet at the 2007 World Series of Poker and, overall, has earned \$1,477,850 via tournaments.

As I found out, he also enjoys cash games.

"It's close, in terms of what I prefer," Reslock, a resident of Atlantic City, said. "I really like tournaments – that started with racquet ball. Something about tournaments brings out the best and worst in people. Tournaments ... in general ... take you to a new level."

Our interview took place in September, in between the events for the U.S. Poker Championship, which was held at the Trump Taj Mahal in Reslock's adopted hometown.

Despite participating in the PokerStars 2008 World Championship of Online Poker (WCOOP) at the same time, the grind didn't have a visible impact on the North Dakota native.

He cashed twice at the Taj, including a first-place finish in the H.O.S.E. competition, where he collected \$16,800 for the victory.

"I just enjoy the competitive intricacies of the game, as well as the social part of things," Reslock, who has 13 wins on his resume, told me. "I love to compete. I used to play on the racquetball tour and played competitive Scrabble."

"I'm just competitive and I'm stimulated by the competitive nature of the game. I took an intelligence test once, but they said I was off the charts ... I'm not sure which end (laughs)."

Reslock, including his big win, has cashed seven times at the World Series. This year, he cashed three times on the WSOP Circuit, including a triumph in Event 5 at Tunica, for which he pocketed \$30,860, but he didn't fare as well in Las Vegas.

"The results were bad, I was 0-for-17 in tournaments," he said. "In the \$50,000 H.O.R.S.E tournament, though, I was actually the chip leader at one point."



"I did recover some of the money I lost in cash games. I think I still have to lose more than \$1 million to get even (laughs)."

A unique approach helps Reslock cope when others might cringe.

"Sometimes, with a bad beat, it's funny – and you can laugh," he advised. "You've got to be happy when someone wins with a hand they probably shouldn't have bet. I'm generally very happy ... I'm entertained."

One of his advantages is that he may laugh, but he picks his spots when it comes to speaking.

"Sometimes (I talk), but I'm always a player that does a lot of listening," Reslock said. "There are a lot of entertaining players in poker games. A lot of times, it's like being on The Tonight Show."

Amusement shouldn't be confused with a lack of respect. He has the highest regard for his fellow professionals.

"I admire most of them, to be honest," Reslock stated. "Barry Greenstein, for one, comes to mind as one of the most accomplished players and one of the best representatives of the game."

"Daniel Negreanu is another one. I also bet, on a regular basis, with Thor Hansen, Robert Williamson, Victor Ramdin, David Benyamine, Gavin Smith, John Phan – and a lot of other people that aren't famous. I just hope I didn't forget anyone ... if I did, I guess it's because I haven't been getting that much sleep."

Reslock doesn't just bet with these guys. He watches them as well.

"Yeah, I watch poker on TV – it's like training time," he laughed. "I better show up for that! It's entertaining, of course, as well."

Training is engrained in the regimen of Reslock, an honor student during his days at Michigan State University. After all, he's been at this since 1981.

"Before that, I played in home games," Reslock said. "I hosted home games and I went to other people's games. We played creative-dealer's choice. In the standard home game, you just pass the deal."

While working the home-game circuit, Reslock found income in a variety of places.

"I started driving a taxi when I was 21. I also worked as a professional firefighter for four years," he said. "Driving a taxi, you're the modern equivalent of a trail guide from the Old West. People are counting on you. I never get tired of interacting with people."

Oh yeah, in addition to poker, fighting fires, playing racquetball and the cab, there was that popular Parker Brothers product, Scrabble.

"When I came to the East Coast, I was a well-known tournament-Scrabble player," Reslock offered. "I was ranked number one for about a month. I moved to Atlantic City in 1988. I love gambling, but it was a long time before we got poker here."

Once they had poker, they had Reslock.

"I don't like to travel. I play as much as I can in Atlantic City," he said. "I go to Foxwoods, and, as you know, I started going to the World Series."

"My favorite room is still the Taj Mahal. I'll play at Borgata, sometimes. I used to play at the Tropicana, but the stakes aren't high enough. They lost their bigger games."

Today, along with the action at the casinos, players win money and hone their skills online. As is evidenced by his participation in the WCOOP, Reslock is more than aware of the Internet.

"I don't play (online) as much as my wife does," he cracked. "I would say, four or five days per week, except for tournaments. I'm not a marathon player."

"I was playing on all of them, but now I just play on the sites that are still in the U.S., mostly PokerStars and Full Tilt. I like the innovations at Full Tilt."

The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 (UIGEA) is the controversial enactment that caused most online rooms to evacuate the American market.

Reslock, as referenced above, is a man that chooses his words carefully. He has more than a few for those behind the law.

"In high school, I heard about riders – where people in government abuse government," he said. "That option to attach riders shouldn't be allowed. This was an irresponsible maneuver."

The UIGEA became law as a rider to an unrelated port-security bill.

I guess his results and observations say it all.

A calm demeanor, when it comes to Chris Reslock, conceals a powerful, poignant presence. **R**

"Sometimes, with a bad beat, it's funny – and you can laugh," he advised. "You've got to be happy when someone wins with a hand they probably shouldn't have bet. I'm generally very happy ... I'm entertained."

“Miami” John Owns Vegas

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS



If poker stresses you out, imagine working as an air traffic controller. Before John Cernuto moved to Las Vegas to try his hand at cards and before anyone knew him as “Miami” John, he spent 11 years as an air traffic controller in Miami.

It was a job where any mistake could cost lives, but for Cernuto and his peers the stress became a weird fix and led others to call them “Stress Jockeys.” At times they could have up to 20 airplanes in their air space and under their control.

“The more airplanes the more stress we had and the more we liked it,” Cernuto said.

When asked if his life as an air traffic controller helped prepare him for poker, Cernuto said it did to a degree.

“It’s a different type of stress. Certainly the repercussions in doing bad at poker is not as serious as a plane full of people. It’s two different kinds of stress and I’ve always been able to handle both

pretty well. One of the things they trained us which probably helped me in my poker was that we always had a pre plan. You never wanted to wait to the last second. It’s too late. Poker is kind similar in that way. Poker you can pre plan in how you’re going to react and what you’re going to do.

You may recall the big air traffic controller strike of 1981 that prompted Ronald Reagan to fire them all. Cernuto was among that group. After that he decided to move to Las Vegas to play poker in 1982 and he has played professionally ever since.

His career began in \$10-\$20 Limit Hold’em, which was the game du jour in those days.

“I didn’t have any experience so it was a learning process for me. It was kind of like the school of hard knocks.”

Cernuto played with many good players and lost initially, but he learned a lot from his peers and became very proficient at poker. He eventually moved on to other games and became one of the world’s best at Omaha Hi-Lo and Stud Hi-Lo. In fact, if you look at his tournament results (and trust us, it’s a very long list) you will see close to 20 tournament wins in both of those poker disciplines.

“I tried to be a handyman at each game – learn a little, just enough to get myself in trouble,” Cernuto joked.

Although he’s done very well in No-Limit Hold’em tournaments, he prefers to stick to limit cash games. “I don’t like putting all my eggs in one basket at the same time.”

Before he was known as “Miami” John, Cernuto was dubbed John “One Out of the Money” Cernuto by his girlfriend at the time for his ability to bubble in a lot of tournaments. On a lark, Cernuto entered a Stud tournament at Caesars Palace as “Miami” John Cernuto in 1988 and won it. He has been going by that nickname ever since.

“I got first place so I got the name and I’ve kind of been stuck with it every since. It’s been kind of a lucky name so I don’t want to let it go.”

Although he’s won three World Series of Poker bracelets (1996 \$1,500 Stud Hi-Lo, 1997 \$2,000 No-Limit Hold’em and 2002

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\$1,500 Omaha Hi-Lo), Cernuto’s proudest accomplishment was winning the third World Heads-Up Championship in Vienna, Austria, in 2003 against the best players in the world.

“I thought that was pretty special. You had to win seven matches in a row and I certainly think I was not the favorite to walk away with the money and the trophy but I did and that was my proudest moment.”

The year 2003 is also notable because that’s the year Chris Moneymaker turned the game on its head. Cernuto said the influx of hungry younger players into poker has completely changed the nature of the game.

“It’s pretty obvious that the younger guys have forced the pros to change their games because psychologically we’re fairly predictable,” he said. “It’s been a learning experience for any pro the way the games have changed. I tip my hats to these kids. They’ve done their homework and they’ve done a good job of changing the way we play poker and think about the game. If you never made those adjustment as a pro or old timer you’re probably wondering why you don’t have money these days because they’ve really changed things around. If you haven’t made adjustments you’re going to have a lot of problems.”

The 64-year-old is turning things around by battling the younger players in his bread and butter of limit poker. He said new limit players who come from the no limit world give away too much action to be successful because they attack limit the way they play no limit.

Cernuto has cut much of his travel in the last couple of years because he and his wife of eight years, Connie, are the caregivers for his mother. He recently traveled to the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City for the U.S. Poker Championships, but those East Coast trips are less frequent than they used to be.

For a man who has accomplished so much – he has close to \$4.5 million in tournament winnings in addition to what is undoubtedly some big cash game hauls – you may be surprised to learn that Cernuto has never cashed in the WSOP Main Event. He’s 0 for 12.

His last goal in poker is to book a win on poker’s biggest stage.

“Winning the main event would be a good way to start cashing,” he said.” **R**

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Roy Winston An “Oracle” And Coach

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

Winston played poker with friends in his adult life, but did not set foot in a casino until about six years ago.

Poker is just the newest challenge in Winston’s life, which has seen its share of accomplishments, from medicine to the military. Winston completed his medical training at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York in 1987, and enrolled in the Navy before getting into practice.

“My father says I saw Top Gun one too many times,” Winston said with a laugh. “It was something I always wanted to do and it seemed like a good opportunity to do it.”

Winston was in the reserve for a total of nine years and started medical practice as an anesthesiologist. From there he moved around the country, completing his residency in Gainesville, becoming clinical director of Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, followed by a similar position at the University of California-Irvine and later as medical director of The Plastic Surgery Institute in Rancho Mirage, Calif. In all, Winston has practiced for 18 years and still works in the field part time.

Poker has always been at least a small part of his life. Winston grew up in a card playing family and his great-grandmother – a noted gin player – operated a gambling hall in New York City. Her son taught Winston how to play poker and gin.

Winston played poker with friends in his adult life, but did not set foot in a casino until about six years ago. When he was living in Palm Springs, Winston went to an Indian casino and tried his hand at casino poker.

He mostly played \$8-\$16 Limit Hold’em on a recreational basis. Then one day in 2006 after a nice cash game win at the Commerce, Winston decided to play a single table satellite for an entry into the L.A. Poker Classic. Winston won his seat into the event and then finished 22nd, worth nearly \$40,000.

“It was just a huge amount of fun and I remember I enjoyed it so much it kind of hooked me on tournament play.”

Winston really began to take the game seriously after that. “I started reading about poker and I started watching it. I was a typical guy. I wanted to do well. I spent time trying to learn and I think that’s what made me better at poker.”

Perry Green, a two-time WSOP bracelet winner who played a lot of cash games in California, took Winston under his wing and the doctor was eager to learn. Winston and McGowan also helped each other by discussing the game of poker and looking for each other’s tells.

“I think the biggest part of my game was being able to read people better. It gets me out of bad situations and helps me capitalize when ahead.”

Winston still played part-time only until his breakout in 2007. He finished 26th in the WSOP Main Event that year, a tournament in which he and Jerry Yang battled near the end and Yang won a flip with A-K versus Winston’s Q-Q. “If I had won that hand it may have been Jerry Yang going home,” Winston said.

“I think the best part of the whole thing was that my parents were there with me. I think my parents laughed at poker a little bit and then to see me win over a million and a half dollars all of a sudden it was no laughing matter.”

He was still on the fence about playing poker full time. That is, until the Borgata Poker Open. Only two months removed from his WSOP experience, Winston won that WPT event and more than \$1.5 million.

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Since then Winston has signed with Full Tilt Poker to become one of that online poker site’s pros, is planning a book about his experiences on tour and began offering coaching services. He also

plans to open a brick and mortar poker school at Borgata to help novice players learn the game.

“If you really look at any other sport, there’s always coaching involved every step of the way, so why shouldn’t there be with poker? I still think there are a lot of people out there who just play their cards and don’t read their opponents enough.”

As for his nickname “The Oracle”, that came from McGowan. One day the two were playing at a casino and Winston was joking around and happened to call a few flops before they were dealt. McGowan later told an interviewer at the WSOP that “The Oracle” was Winston’s nickname. “It’s one of those things I had nothing to do with, but it kind of stuck. It could be a lot worse. Someone could come up with a lot worse nickname for me.”

For the foreseeable future, Winston plans to continue on the poker trail.

“I’m having a blast. I’m enjoying it. I’m enjoying the people, the experience. I think for the next couple of years this is where I’m going to be.” **R**



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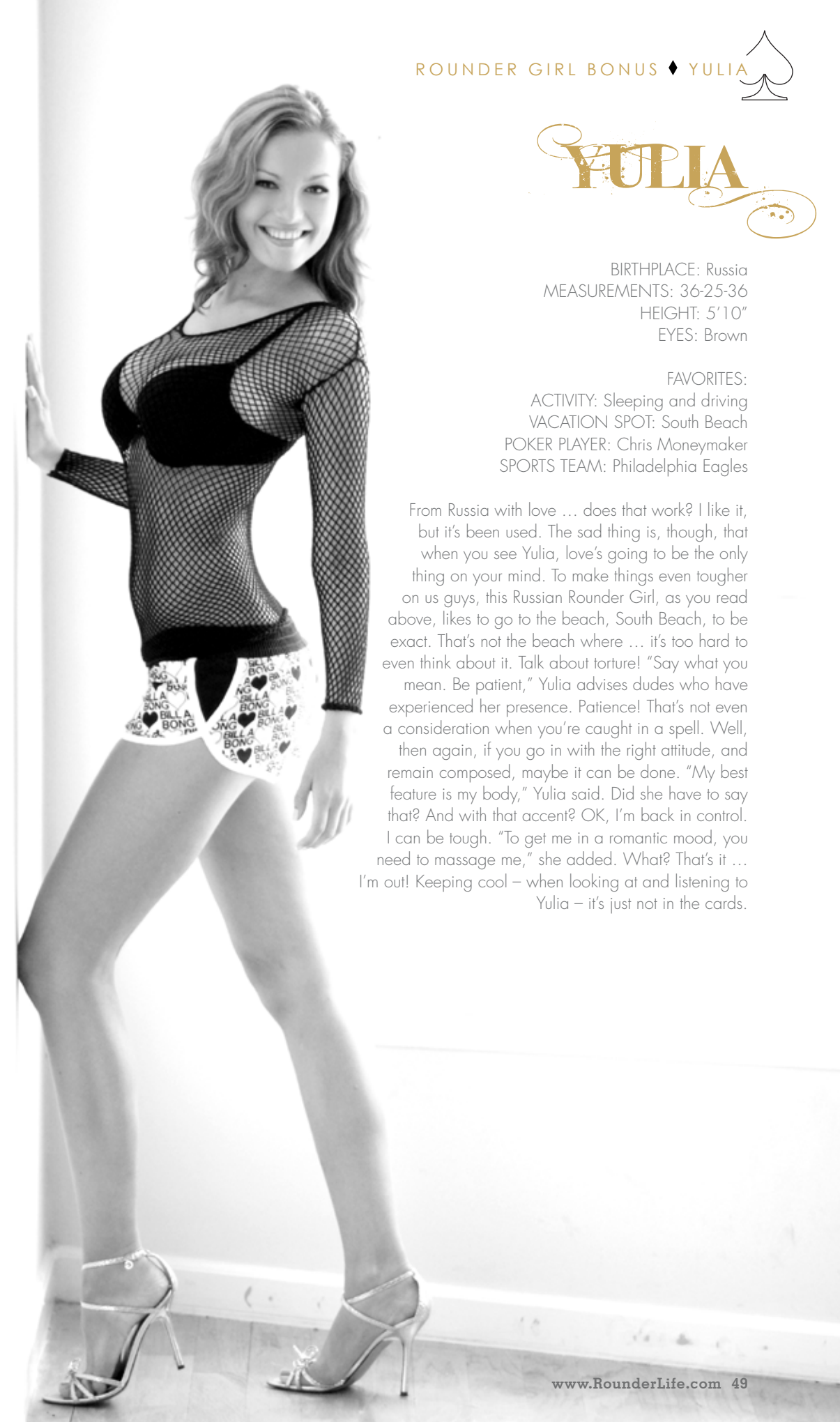


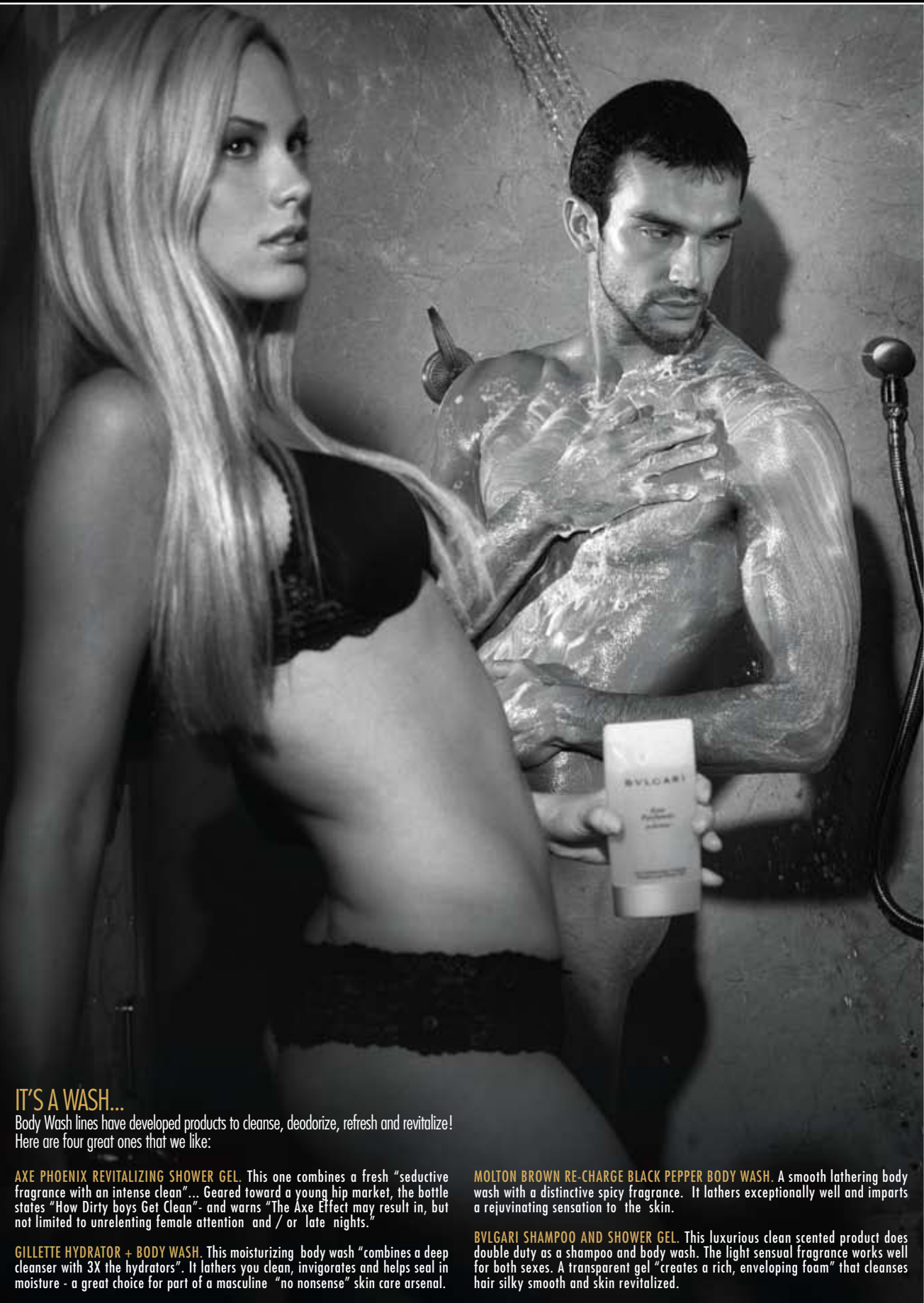
YULIA

BIRTHPLACE: Russia
MEASUREMENTS: 36-25-36
HEIGHT: 5'10"
EYES: Brown

FAVORITES:
ACTIVITY: Sleeping and driving
VACATION SPOT: South Beach
POKER PLAYER: Chris Moneymaker
SPORTS TEAM: Philadelphia Eagles

From Russia with love ... does that work? I like it, but it's been used. The sad thing is, though, that when you see Yulia, love's going to be the only thing on your mind. To make things even tougher on us guys, this Russian Rounder Girl, as you read above, likes to go to the beach, South Beach, to be exact. That's not the beach where ... it's too hard to even think about it. Talk about torture! "Say what you mean. Be patient," Yulia advises dudes who have experienced her presence. Patience! That's not even a consideration when you're caught in a spell. Well, then again, if you go in with the right attitude, and remain composed, maybe it can be done. "My best feature is my body," Yulia said. Did she have to say that? And with that accent? OK, I'm back in control. I can be tough. "To get me in a romantic mood, you need to massage me," she added. What? That's it ... I'm out! Keeping cool – when looking at and listening to Yulia – it's just not in the cards.





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GILLETTE HYDRATOR + BODY WASH. This moisturizing body wash "combines a deep cleanser with 3X the hydrators". It lathers you clean, invigorates and helps seal in moisture - a great choice for part of a masculine "no nonsense" skin care arsenal.

MOLTON BROWN RE-CHARGE BLACK PEPPER BODY WASH. A smooth lathering body wash with a distinctive spicy fragrance. It lathers exceptionally well and imparts a rejuvenating sensation to the skin.

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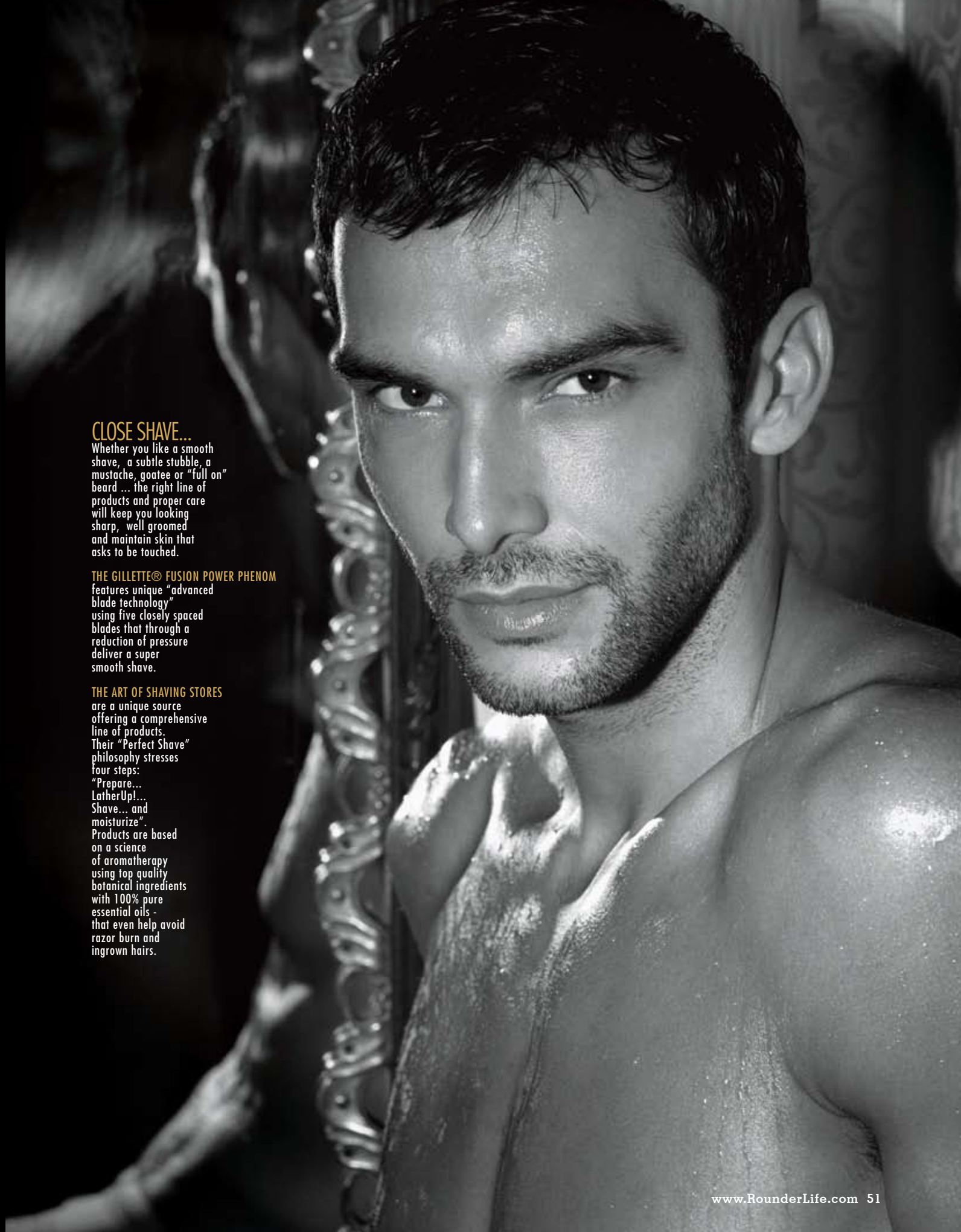
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ROUNDER OF THE YEAR

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.

Total Earnings	Player	Hometown
\$186,843	Matt Culberson	New Orleans, LA
\$113,680	Fred Roll	Seneca, MO
\$110,283	Tony Lay	Oklahoma City, OK
\$107,455	Tim Hebert	Lafayette, LA
\$100,659	Jae C Chang	Austin, TX
\$95,937	Tyler Smith	Smithdale, MS
\$92,459	Arthur Evans	Davie, FL
\$90,632	Jeff Tims	Houston, TX
\$89,978	Will Souther	Biloxi, MS
\$79,762	Robert Castoire	Cecilia, KY

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.

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

Most Final Tables in Rounder of the Year Qualifying Events

Final Tables	Player	Hometown
8	Matt "Cub" Culberson	New Orleans, LA
6	Will "Monkey" Souther	Biloxi, MS
4	Sam Sundaram	St. Petersburg, FL
4	Jozef Pikula	Atlanta, GA
4	Doug "Rico" Carli	Alliance, OH
3	Tony Lay	Oklahoma City, OK
3	Charles Williams	Reno, NV
3	Arthur "Glenn" Evans	Davie, FL
3	Tyler Smith	Smithdale, MS
3	John Racener	Port Richey, FL
3	Ben Mintz	Oxford, MS
3	Michael Schneider	Covington, GA
3	Dave Pleat	Destin, FL
3	Russell Bozeman	Camden, AL

Several Players are Tied at 2 Final Tables Each

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

Rank	Pts	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	125	Matt "Cub" Culberson	New Orleans, LA	\$186,843
2	71	Will "Monkey" Souther	Biloxi, MS	\$89,978
3	60	Tony Lay	Oklahoma City, OK	\$110,283
4	55	Jeff Tims	Houston, TX	\$90,632
5	49	Charles Williams	Reno, NV	\$66,487
6	47	Robert Castoire	Cecelia, KY	\$79,762
7	47	Arthur "Glenn" Evans	Davie, FL	\$92,459
8	42	Tyler Smith	Smithdale, MS	\$95,937
9	39	Jae C Chang AKA "JC"	Austin, TX	\$100,659
10	39	Sam Sundaram	St. Petersburg, FL	\$69,384
11	38	Jonathan Tare	New York, NY	\$75,114
12	36	James Henson	Lake Jackson, TX	\$63,120
13	36	Tim Laws	Columbia, MO	\$58,172
14	36	Men Nguyen	Bell Gardens, CA	\$61,134
15	35	Tim Hebert	Lafayette, LA	\$107,455
16	35	John Racener	Port Richey, FL	\$72,591
17	34	Fred Roll	Seneca, MO	\$113,680
18	33	Rami Jradeh	North Quincy, MA	\$74,914
19	33	Buddy Lockwood	Weatherford, TX	\$47,227
20	32	David Dao	Elizabethtown, KY	\$43,164
21	32	Ben Mintz	Oxford, MS	\$13,881
22	32	Wade Townsend	Dripping Springs, TX	\$77,042
23	31	Lynn Achey	Sheldon, MO	\$64,411
24	31	Kevin M. Davis	Shepherdsville, KY	\$33,940
25	31	Dale Robinson	Otisco, IN	\$73,154
26	30	James Beetz	Houston, TX	\$64,391
27	30	Jay Koeller	Melbourne, FL	\$66,160
28	30	Gary Lundgren	Houston, TX	\$36,045
29	30	Lance Oliver	Roseville, CA	\$68,909
30	30	Howard Reid	Independance, MO	\$58,500

RED HOT ROUNDER




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MATT "CUB" CULBERSON

With his latest victory of event #4 at the cut short Beau Rivage Gulf Coast Poker Championship in Biloxi, MS, Matt "Cub" Culberson is separating himself from the rest of the field. He continues to dominate in all categories including points, cash winnings and most final tables. With his consistent cashes in these tournaments, Matt is proving that he will be a force to be reckoned with when the big boys come to Biloxi in January for the WPT event at the Beau Rivage.

State Leaders in Rounder Player of the Year Standings

ALABAMA

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	26	Gabe Costner	Albertville, AL	\$43,216
2	23	Russell Bozeman	Camden, AL	\$28,052
2	23	Richard McCrary	Huntsville, AL	\$31,042
4	18	Douglas Thurman	Montgomery, AL	\$19,132
5	15	James Ray	Daphne, AL	\$15,466
6	13	Dune Jon Van Tran	Montgomery, AL	\$11,910
7	12	Justin Cornetti	Fairhope, AL	\$17,413
8	11	Christopher Marsh	Headland, AL	\$4,725
9	9	Tony Hatley	Mobile, AL	\$8,005
10	8	Randy Kennedy	Mobile, AL	\$13,025

ARKANSAS

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	20	William Graveline	Batesville, AR	\$30,668
1	20	Michael Cordell	Little Rock, AR	\$21,274
3	16	William Peoples	Jacksonville, AR	\$17,805
4	15	Kerry Dawson	Paragould, AR	\$19,260
5	12	Bert Madden	Little Rock, AR	\$16,852
5	12	Bobby Byram	Osceola, AR	\$15,177
5	12	Justin McLeland	Centerton, AR	\$14,778
8	11	Brandon E. Robinson	Blytheville, AR	\$9,070
9	10	Fabien Bourdon	Heber Springs, AR	\$12,895
9	10	Patrick Monroney	Fayetteville, AR	\$6,023

FLORIDA

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	47	Arthur "Glenn" Evans	Davie, FL	\$92,459
2	39	Sam Sundaram	St. Petersburg, FL	\$69,384
3	35	John Racener	Port Richey, FL	\$72,591
4	30	Jay Koeller	Melbourne, FL	\$66,160
5	22	Johnathan Westra	Gainesville, FL	\$29,385
7	21	Gary Allen	Tallahassee, FL	\$37,900
7	20	George Bronstein	Tampa, FL	\$37,900
7	20	Dave Pleat	Destin, FL	\$9,600
9	19	Donnie DeLuna	Pensacola, FL	\$27,278
9	19	Nicolas Gellepis	Tallahassee, FL	\$18,568

GEORGIA

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	30	Jozef Pikula	Atlanta, GA	\$26,096
1	30	Joey Sharp	Carrolton, GA	\$58,739
3	29	Phillip Totty	Albany, GA	\$50,647
4	27	William Jarrett	Cartersville, GA	\$35,070
5	22	Richard Hill	Valdosta, GA	\$29,003
6	21	Khalid Dghaim	Atlanta, GA	\$22,592
6	21	Michael Hagan	Atlanta, GA	\$22,410
8	19	Brian Taylor	Macon, GA	\$22,630
9	17	Brandon Lee	Atlanta, GA	\$19,840
10	16	Rex Rigdon	Twin, GA	\$19,898

KENTUCKY

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	47	Robert Castoire	Cecelia, KY	\$79,762
2	32	David Dao	Elizabethtown, KY	\$43,164
3	31	Kevin M. Davis	Shepherdsville, KY	\$33,940
4	18	Cy Dixon	Lexington, KY	\$19,258
5	16	Rick Stinson	Henderson, KY	\$18,661
6	15	Larry Kozlove	Louisville, KY	\$14,445
7	11	Henry Barnes	Franklin, KY	\$8,062
7	11	Stephen Mitchell	Louisville, KY	\$5,623
7	11	Robert Spicuzza	Lexington, KY	\$6,665
10	8	Bryan Sapp	Louisville, KY	\$3,996

LOUISIANA

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	125	Matt "Cub" Culberson	New Orleans, LA	\$186,843
2	35	Tim Hebert	Lafayette, LA	\$107,455
3	29	Bobby Toye	New Orleans, LA	\$21,548
4	27	Dr. Del Walker	Houma, LA	\$50,518
5	24	Mark Garner	St Amant, LA	\$34,481
6	23	Brandon Guillory	Opelousas, LA	\$25,351
7	21	Philip Powers	Metairie, LA	\$6,791
8	18	Teddy Trosclair	Thibodaux, LA	\$26,694
9	16	Andre Pierce	New Orleans, LA	\$9,032
10	15	Gerard Rodrigues	New Orleans, LA	\$17,144

MISSISSIPPI

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	71	Will "Monkey" Souther	Biloxi, MS	\$89,978
2	42	Tyler Smith	Smithdale, MS	\$95,937
3	32	Ben Mintz	Oxford, MS	\$13,881
4	24	David Avera	Putney, GA	\$35,453
4	24	Jason Gladden	Ocean Springs, MS	\$25,099
6	20	Tim Burt	Robinsonville, MS	\$30,549
7	19	Rodney Shows	Hattiesburg, MS	\$21,936
8	17	Terry Davis	Hattiesburg, MS	\$18,168
9	17	Jack Ward	Gulfport, MS	\$27,264
10	14	Michael Woods	Hernando, MS	\$7,640

NORTH CAROLINA

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	22	Ronald Sewell	Shelby, NC	\$27,252
2	11	Edward Sullivan	Durham, NC	\$6,792
3	10	Lou White	Charlotte, NC	\$6,566
4	10	Jerry Yoder	Hickory, NC	\$7,404
5	8	Michael Matsui	Charlotte, NC	\$8,279
5	8	J.L. "The Hut" Murtagh	Lincolnton, NC	\$9,749
7	7	Fred Bell	Charlotte, NC	\$4,106
8	5	Larry Siler	Tryon, NC	\$3,440
9	4	Thomas McGrath	Tryon, NC	\$1,300

SOUTH CAROLINA

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	14	Jerry Barlow	Fair Play, SC	\$14,282
1	14	Walter Milgroom	Myrtle beach, SC	\$13,246
3	8	Jason Ainsworth	Fort Mill, SC	\$6,954
3	8	Robert Johnson	Seneca, SC	\$10,801
5	7	Renea Mahaffey	Anderson, SC	\$9,078
5	7	James Summer	Myrtle Beach, SC	\$6,426
7	6	Bennett King	Easley, SC	\$4,380
8	5	William Ross	Charlston, SC	\$3,198
9	4	Joe Maggio, Jr.	Fort Mill, SC	\$1,324

TEXAS

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	55	Jeff Tims	Houston, TX	\$90,632
2	39	Jae C Chang AKA "JC"	Austin, TX	\$100,659
3	36	James Henson	Lake Jackson, TX	\$63,120
4	33	Buddy Lockwood	Weatherford, TX	\$47,227
5	32	Wade Townsend	Dripping Springs, TX	\$77,042
6	30	James Beetz	Houston, TX	\$64,391
6	30	Gary Lundgren	Houston, TX	\$36,045
8	29	Jody Simon	Houston, TX	\$75,307
9	28	Carlos Cuentas	Houston, TX	\$55,302
10	26	John Lively	Houston, TX	\$19,333

TENNESSEE

Rank	Points	Player	Hometown	Earnings
1	20	Hunter Robinette	Mt Pleasant, TN	\$36,489
2	19	Michael Byers	Nashville, TN	\$16,938
2	19	Corey Sanders	Nashville, TN	\$28,548
4	19	Mark Wright	Nashville, TN	\$25,499
5	18	Frank Kasella	Germantown, TN	\$31,468
6	17	Nima Hasannejad	Brentwood, TN	\$12,945
6	17	Grant Watson	Germantown, TN	\$16,251
6	17	Randall Witt	Nashville, TN	\$10,971
9	16	Robert "Hugo" Spiegel	Henderson, TN	\$22,620
10	15	Todd Cashion	Lewisburg, TN	\$17,343

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
Nov 19 – 25	7 Clans Poker Cup Series	Coushatta Casino Resort	Kinder, LA

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.

Emerald Coast Poker Championship *Ebro Greyhound Park, Ebro, FL*

No-Limit Hold'em Event 3 Sept 16				No-Limit Hold'em Event 4 September 17				No-Limit Hold'em Main Event September 20			
Buy In	\$435			Buy In	\$330			Buy In	\$850		
Entries	17			Entries	32			Entries	38		
Total Prize Money	\$7,600			Total Prize Money	\$11,100			Total Prize Money	\$30,400		
Place	Name	Hometown	Prize Money	Place	Name	Hometown	Prize Money	Place	Name	Hometown	Prize Money
1	John Holley		\$3,400	1	Mike O'Rourke		\$4,158	1	Dave Pleat		\$9,300
2	Neal Smith		\$2,040	2	Danny Murray		\$2,673	2	Dan Young		\$9,300
3	Fred Smith		\$1,360	3	Mike Schneider		\$1,683	3	C. J. Jacobson		\$3,500
4	Dave Pleat		\$200	4	Tim Whaley		\$1,386	4	Aurthur Evans		\$3,300
5	Dale Ownby		\$200	5	Terry Mercer		\$400	5	Pam Cobb		\$2,200
6	Amy Perry		\$200	6	Neal Smith		\$400	6	John Shuler		\$2,000
7	William Bullock		\$200	7	Trey Trawick		\$100	7	John Mills		\$200
8	Chris Marsh			8	Dave Pleat		\$100	8	Mike Schneider		\$200
9	Ray Young			9	Bernie Sawyer		\$100	9	Daave Rauschkolb		\$200

2008 Gulf Coast Poker Championship *Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS*

No-Limit Hold'em Event 1 August 27				No-Limit Hold'em Event 3 August 29			
Buy In	\$300			Buy In	\$500		
Entries	520			Entries	429		
Total Prize Money	\$151,320			Total Prize Money	\$200,755		
Place	Name	Hometown	Prize Money	Place	Name	Hometown	Prize Money
1	Jeffrey Tims	Conroe, TX	\$32,141	1	Phillip Totty	Albany, GA	\$50,647
2	Terry Davis	Hattiesburg, MS	\$18,168	2	Donnie DeLuna	Pensacola, FL	\$27,278
3	Phong Huynh	Lilburn, GA	\$11,184	3	Long Xiong	Monroe, GA	\$16,567
4	Charles Cole	Pensacola, FL	\$9,089	4	Tim Moore	Hobe Sound, FL	\$12,673
5	Phong Truong	Lawrenceville, GA	\$7,692	5	Arthur Evans	Davie, FL	\$10,726
6	Tyler Smith	Smithdale, MS	\$6,574	6	Stephen Posarich	Biloxi, MS	\$9,167
7	Michael Hale	D'Iberville, MS	\$5,177	7	Perry McGinnis	Douglasville, GA	\$7,220
8	Rick Alesia	Ocala, FL	\$3,888	8	Corrie Wunstel	Baton Rouge, LA	\$5,857
9	Jason Heidenthal	Media, PA	\$2,664	9	Oren Zweig	D'Iberville, MS	\$4,015

No-Limit Hold'em Event 2 August 28				No-Limit Hold'em Event 4 August 30			
Buy In	\$300			Buy In	\$500		
Entries	573			Entries	296		
Total Prize Money	\$159,433			Total Prize Money	\$136,250		
Place	Name	Hometown	Prize Money	Place	Name	Hometown	Prize Money
1	William Jarrett	Cartersville, GA	\$35,070	1	Matt "Cub" Culberson	New Orleans, LA	\$38,605
2	Douglas Thurman	Montgomery, AL	\$19,132	2	Brandon Lee	Atlanta, GA	\$19,840
3	Vince Burgio	West Hills, CA	\$11,957	3	Dune Jan Van Tran	Montgomery, AL	\$11,910
4	Rick Christian	Philadelphia, MS	\$10,044	4	Vineet Pahuja	New York, NY	\$9,267
5	Dale Morrow	Walls, MS	\$8,450	5	Scott Kelly	Madison, MS	\$7,945
6	Thomas Ellis	Forest, MS	\$6,856	6	Lisa Farmer	Atlanta, GA	\$6,624
7	Jerry Yoder	Hickory, NC	\$5,421	7	Brian Walsingham	Winston, GA	\$5,450
8	Jena Delk	Merritt Island, FL	\$4,305	8	Larry Plummer	Savannah, MO	\$4,088
9	Kevin Stansfield	Biloxi, MS	\$2,950	9	John Hardin	Atlanta, GA	\$2,725



Jason Mercier
Davie, FL

2008 EPT BARCELONA OPEN - SEASON V
Casino Barcelona Barcelona, ESP
EPT Barcelona Main Event Sept 14
Finished: 6th
Earnings: \$321,198
Buy In: \$11,726
Entries: 619

2008 WSOP EUROPE - LONDON
London Clubs International London, GBR
Pot Limit Omaha - Event 3
Finished: 8th
Earnings: \$48,362
Buy In: \$8,922
Entries: 165



Dave Pleat
Destin, FL

EMERALD COAST POKER CHAMPIONSHIP
Ebro Greyhound Park Ebro, FL
No Limit Hold'em Main Event Sept 20
Finished: 1st
Earnings: \$9,300
Buy In: \$850
Entries: 38



Wilbur Furtthey
Crossville, TN

2008 MID- AMERICA POKER CLASSIC
Horseshoe Casino & Hotel Tunica MS
No Limit Hold'em Event 18 Sept 23
Finished: 1st
Earnings: \$27,281
Buy In: \$2,500
Entries: 25



Jack Schanbacher
Pittsburgh, PA

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 10 Sept 12
Finished: 2nd
Earnings: \$128,940
Buy In: \$2,500
Entries: 471

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 12 Sept 10
Finished: 1st
Earnings: \$342,000
Buy In: \$5,000
Entries: 228



Mark Seif
Las Vegas, NV

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 15 Sept 18
Finished: 5th
Earnings: \$287,500
Buy In: \$9,600
Entries: 516



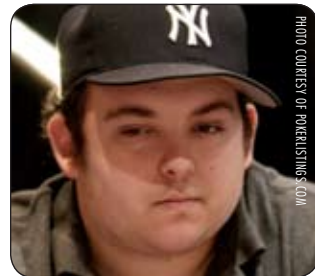
Andy Bloch
Las Vegas, NV

2008 WSOP EUROPE - LONDON
London Clubs International London, GBR
No Limit Hold'em Event 1 Sept 22
Finished: 15th
Earnings: \$13,118
Buy In: \$2,677
Entries: 410



Dune Jon Van Tran
Montgomery, AL

2008 GULF COAST POKER CHAMPIONSHIP
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
No Limit Hold'em Event 4 Aug 29
Finished: 2nd
Earnings: \$19,840
Buy In: \$500
Entries: 296



Thayer Rasmussen
Orlando, FL

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 15 Sept 18
Finished: 12th
Earnings: \$65,000
Buy In: \$9,600
Entries: 516



Phillip Totty
Albany, GA

2008 GULF COAST POKER CHAMPIONSHIP
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
No Limit Hold'em Event 3 Aug 29
Finished: 1st
Earnings: \$50,647
Buy In: \$500
Entries: 429



John Myung
Vienna, VA

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 15 Sept 18
Finished: 7th
Earnings: \$187,500
Buy In: \$9,600
Entries: 516



Howard Wolper
Atlantic City, NJ

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 6 Sept 7
Finished: 1st
Earnings: \$26,190
Buy In: \$300
Entries: 291

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 9 Sept 9
Finished: 1st
Earnings: \$67,400
Buy In: \$500
Entries: 471



Howard Lederer
Las Vegas, NV

2008 WSOP EUROPE - LONDON
London Clubs International London, GBR
Pot Limit Omaha - Event 3 Sept 26
Finished: 3rd
Earnings: \$55,692
Buy In: \$4,461
Entries: 110



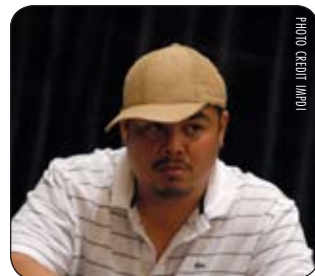
Daniel Negreanu
Las Vegas, NV

2008 WSOP EUROPE - LONDON
London Clubs International London, GBR
No Limit Hold'em Main Event - Event 4
Finished: 5th
Earnings: \$386,144
Buy In: \$17,844
Entries: 362



Jason Storchak
Fort Lauderdale, FL

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 15 Sept 18
Finished: 4th
Earnings: \$337,500
Buy In: \$9,600
Entries: 516



Donnie DeLuna
Pensacola, FL

2008 GULF COAST POKER CHAMPIONSHIP
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
No Limit Hold'em Event 3 Aug 29
Finished: 2nd
Earnings: \$27,278
Buy In: \$500
Entries: 429



Brandon Lee
Atlanta, GA

2008 GULF COAST POKER CHAMPIONSHIP
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino Biloxi, MS
No Limit Hold'em Event 4 Aug 30
Finished: 2nd
Earnings: \$19,840
Buy In: \$500
Entries: 296



Sang Kim
Leesburg, VA

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 15 Sept 18
Finished: 2nd
Earnings: \$750,000
Buy In: \$9,600
Entries: 516



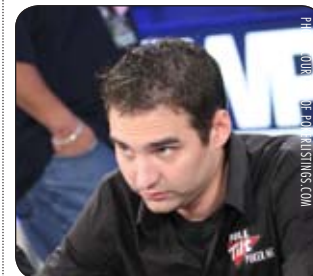
Andrew Knee
Mount Sinai, NY

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 15 Sept 18
Finished: 6th
Earnings: \$237,500
Buy In: \$9,600
Entries: 516



Stephen Vanauken
Milford, PA

2008 GULF COAST POKER CHAMPIONSHIP
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 15 Sept 18
Finished: 9th
Earnings: \$100,000
Buy In: \$9,600
Entries: 516



Brandon Cantu
Las Vegas, NV

2008 BORGATA POKER OPEN
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
No Limit Hold'em Event 15 Sept 18
Finished: 32nd
Earnings: \$21,000
Buy In: \$9,600
Entries: 516



John Juanda
Marina Del Rey, CA

2008 WSOP EUROPE - LONDON
London Clubs International London, GBR
No Limit Hold'em Main Event - Event 4
Finished: 1st
Earnings: \$1,544,575
Buy In: \$17,844
Entries: 362

HOLLYWOOD

H I G H R O L L E R S

MAKE UP BY DANIELA SHAPPEE, HAIR BY EWA BERTON, MODELS:
JULIA @ Q MODEL MANAGEMENT NYC, JUDE @ CLICK MODEL MANAGEMENT NYC
SHOOT COORDINATED BY HOD BERMAN
PHOTOGRAPHED AT TRUMP TAJ MAHAL, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

OPULENT OBSESSIONS.
JULIA: PLATINUM GOLD DRESS BY NICOLE MILLER.
ALL JEWELRY BY DAVID YURMAN.
JUDE: LINEN SUIT, SWEATER VEST, SHIRT AND TIE
ALL BY RALPH LAUREN.

P H O T O G R A P H E D B Y P E T E R D . B R O W N



SENSUAL ELEGANCE LEADS
TO DECO DANCE.

LAVENDER CHIFFON AND LACE
DRESS BY BCBG. SHOES BY VERSACE.
RHINESTONE NECKLACE AND
EARRINGS BY JENNIFER MILLER.
AMETHYST NECKLACE
BY DAVID YURMAN. SILVER CUFFS &
RING BY ROBERT LEE MORRIS.
LOCATION: TRUMP TAJ MAHAL, ATLANTIC CITY



ROMANCING
HOLLYWOOD LEGENDS.

JUDE: TUXEDO BY VALENTINO.
SHIRT BY DOLCE GABBANA GOLD.
BOOTS BY VERSACE. BELT BY PAUL SMITH.
JULIA: GOWN BY ROBERTO CAVALLI.
EARRINGS BY JENNIFER MILLER.
GLOVES BY LA CRAISIA.



SILVER SCREEN GLAMOUR.

FEATHER COAT AND PINK SILK CHIFFON
DRESS WITH TAFFETA BOW
BY DONNA KARAN.
PEARL NECKLACE AND EARRINGS
WITH RHINESTONE BRACELETS
BY JENNIFER MILLER.
GOLD WATCH BY GUCCI.



LUXURY ON A GRAND SCALE.

JULIA: GOLD AND BLACK PLEATED GOWN
BY NICOLE MILLER.
JUDE: GREY BUTTON DOWN SHIRT
BY KENNETH COLE,
BLACK PANTS BY VERSACE.
BLACK BELT BY DOLCE GABBANA.
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CINEMATIC DREAMS
IN THE DARK.

JULIA: SILK WHITE PIPED SHIRT
BY MARC JACOBS.
BUGLE BEADED CORSET
BY MARQUESA.
JUDE: BLACK DRESS SHIRT
BY KENNETH COLE.
STRIPED PANTS
BY DOLCE GABBANA.



POWER AND ELEGANCE.
NAVY DOUBLE BRESTED PIN-STRIP
SUIT, SHIRT AND TIE ALL BY VERSACE.



FILM NOIR INTRIGUE.

JULIA: METALLIC BLACK
DRESS BY VERSACE.
HAT BY ELLEN CHRISTINE NY, NY.
GLOVES BY LA CRAISIA.
ALL JEWELRY BY JENNIFER MILLER
EXCEPT SOLID CRYSTAL RING BY BIEL.
SEQUINED PLATFORM MULES
BY CLAUDIA CIUTI.
JUDE: BLUE PINSTRIPE SUIT
BY VERSACE.
SHOES BY KENNETH COLE.
TIE BY DOMENICO VACCA



SMOLDERING SEDUCTION.

SILVER SATIN PLEATED DRESS BY BCBG.
BEAUTY NOTES:
YVES SAINT LAURENT ROUGE VOLUPTÉ
LIPSTICK IN PROVOCATIVE PINK.
NARS BLUSH IN ORGASM.
LANCÔME HIGH DEFINICILS
DEFINITION MASCARA IN BLACK.
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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
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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
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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
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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
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3:00PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$25, \$25 RB
6:30PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$25, \$25 RB
6:30PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$120
7:00PM	Ebro Greyhound Park	\$35 + \$5
7:00PM	Fort Pierce Jai Alai	\$85 \$10 Bounty
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$125

TUESDAY

1:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$250, \$100 Bounty
3:00PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$25, \$25 RB
6:30PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$50, \$50 RB
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$35 \$25 RB, High Hand

WEDNESDAY

1:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$100
3:00PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$25, \$25 RB
6:30PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$25, \$25 RB
6:30PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$120
7:00PM	Fort Pierce Jai Alai	\$75
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$20 / \$20 RB

THURSDAY

3:00PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$25, \$25 RB
6:30PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$50, \$50 RB
6:30PM	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
3:00PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$25, \$25 RB
6:30PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$100, \$100 RB
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$150

SATURDAY

1:30PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$25, \$25 RB
2:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$200
6:30PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$120, \$120 RB
7:00PM	Fort Pierce Jai Alai (2nd Sat. of month)	\$50
7:00PM	Seminole Casino Brighton	\$130 every other week is a Rebuy Tournament

SUNDAY

12:30PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$25, \$25 RB
1:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$120
2:00PM	Ebro Greyhound Park	\$135 + \$15
3:00PM	The Isle Casino (Pompano Park)	\$120
5:30PM	Dania Jai Alai	\$50, \$50 RB

LOUISIANA

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

6:00 PM	Horseshoe Bossier City	\$200
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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	\$275
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NEVADA

MONDAY	CASINO	BUY IN
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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	Red Rock Casino	\$100
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
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
11:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
12:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$200
12:00PM	Luxor Casino	\$30
12:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
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

NEVADA

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	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
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	Red Rock Casino	\$100
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
10:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
11:00AM	Bally's	\$65
11:00AM	Bellagio	\$500+\$40
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
11:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
12:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$200
12:00PM	Luxor Casino	\$30
12:00PM	The Venetian	\$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

NEVADA

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
6:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$75(Ladies Night)
6:00PM	Mandalay Bay	\$80
6:00PM	Monte Carlo	\$50+\$10AO
6:00PM	Rio	\$125
6:05PM	MGM Grand	\$125
7:00PM	Caesars Palace	\$150
7:00PM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB
7:00PM	Mirage	\$130
7:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10 AO
7:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO
7:00PM	The Orleans	\$80
7:00PM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
8:00PM	The Venetian	\$160+\$15
11:00PM	Sahara	\$40, \$20RB, 2\$AO

WEDNESDAY



NEVADA

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
6:00PM	Mandalay Bay	\$80
6:00PM	Monte Carlo	\$50+\$10AO
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	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
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	Red Rock Casino	\$100
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
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
11:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO

NEVADA

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
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	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
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
12:00AM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
12:00AM	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	Red Rock Casino	\$100

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NEVADA

10:00AM	Rio	\$60
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
11:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
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	\$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
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	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
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	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
10:00AM	Red Rock Casino	\$100
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
10:00AM	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
11:00AM	Bally's	\$80 + \$40 option
11:00AM	Golden Nugget	\$60, \$40RB

NEVADA

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
11:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
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
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	Tuscany	\$22, \$10RB
7:00PM	Paris	\$65
8:00PM	Binion's	\$150, \$50RB
8:00PM	Harrah's	\$120 + \$30,
8:00PM	Tropicana	\$115, \$10AO
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	Red Rock Casino	\$100
10:00AM	Rio	\$60
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

NEVADA

11:00AM	Treasure Island	\$60+\$5AO
11:00AM	Tropicana	\$50, \$10AO
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	\$500+\$40
2:00PM	Binion's	\$70, \$40RB
2:00PM	Planet Hollywood	\$50+\$10AO
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	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

NEW JERSEY

MONDAY CASINO BUY IN

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

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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

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



Looking At The Rest Of The November Nine

Part Two Of A Two Part Series

Last issue, we profiled the four players with the longest odds (according to Bodog) of winning the 2008 World Series of Poker Main Event. This time we'll take a quick look at the five players with the best chances of winning, judged by their poker skills and advantageous chip counts. (Career tournament winnings listed do not include the \$900,000 that players have received for making this final table.)

David "Chino" Rheem **15-to-2**

Rheem may be the most respected player at the final table by poker professionals. He has \$635,000 in tournament cashes over the last four years and has been around the scene for nearly a decade with 15 cashes of record. The 28-year-old from Los Angeles made a final table at the 2008 WSOP and finished runner-up to Allen Cunningham in the \$1,000 No-Limit Hold'em with rebuys at the 2006 WSOP. Rheem may very

well have come into the final table as the favorite if he had a stack anywhere near the top, but as it is, with his 10.23 million chips he is the middle man odds wise among the November Nine.

Peter Eastgate **11-to-2**

Eastgate will be an interesting story at the final table because he is the only one with a chance to break Phil Hellmuth's record as the youngest Main Event champion. The 22-year-old from Odense, Denmark, considers himself a professional player although his only tournament records are from \$76,000 in winnings overseas. Likely, he's a demon in the cash games and in the online scene. He comes into the final table with 18.38 million chips.

Ivan Demidov **9-to-2**

Following in the footsteps of his countryman Alex Kravchenko, Demidov is this year's Russian representative at the final table. This is the first WSOP for the 27-year-old from Moscow and he has fared well. He finished 11th in Event #44 \$1,000 NLHE w/ rebuys for a \$40,000 payday. His other tournament record of note is a \$5,000 win in a Pot-Limit Omaha event in Russia. He will enter the final table with 24.4 million chips, giving him a very workable stack to gun for the top.

Scott Montgomery **4-to-1**

Montgomery may be the most recognizable name at the final table due to his World Poker Tour television appearance earlier this year. He won \$297,000 for finishing fifth at the 2008 L.A. Poker Classic, which represents a good chunk of the Canadian's \$409,000 in career tournament winnings. The 26-year-old from Perth, Ontario, has been playing poker professionally for about four years and had a good WSOP this summer with four cashes. The others were in the \$10,000 Heads-Up Championship and the \$1,500 and \$2,000 NLHE events. Montgomery has a 19.69 million chip stack entering play.

Dennis Phillips **3-to-1**

Don't be surprised if you find yourself rooting for Phillips. At least we bet a lot of people will. As a 53-year-old account manager for a commercial trucking company with few tournament results to speak of, Phillips is this final table's version of Joe Everybody. Most amateurs watching this final table with WSOP dreams in their eyes are likely to see themselves in Phillips' shoes. Thanks to his top chip stack of 26.3 million chips and his aggressive play at the final two tables in this event he is the odds-on favorite to win the platinum bracelet. **R**



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Date	Event #	Tournament	Buy-In
Dec. 1, Monday	1	No-Limit Hold 'Em (Noon)	\$200 + \$30
Dec. 1, Monday		Mega Satellite (6pm)	\$300 + \$40
Dec. 1, Monday		No-Limit Hold 'Em (10pm)	\$175 + \$25
Dec. 2, Tuesday	2	No-Limit Hold 'Em (Noon)	\$300 + \$40
Dec. 2, Tuesday		Mega Satellite (6pm)	\$300 + \$40
Dec. 2, Tuesday		No-Limit Hold 'Em (10pm)	\$175 + \$25
Dec. 3, Wednesday	3	No-Limit Hold 'Em (Noon)	\$300 + \$40
Dec. 3, Wednesday		Mega Satellite (6pm)	\$300 + \$40
Dec. 3, Wednesday		No-Limit Hold 'Em (10pm)	\$175 + \$25
Dec. 4, Thursday	4	No-Limit Hold 'Em (Noon)	\$500 + \$50
Dec. 4, Thursday	5	7 Card Stud (3pm)	\$300 + \$40
Dec. 4, Thursday		Mega Satellite (6pm)	\$500 + \$50
Dec. 4, Thursday		No-Limit Hold 'Em (10pm)	\$175 + \$25
Dec. 5, Friday	6	No-Limit Hold 'Em (Noon)	\$500 + \$50
Dec. 5, Friday		Mega Satellite (6pm)	\$500 + \$50
Dec. 5, Friday		No-Limit Hold 'Em (10pm)	\$300 + \$40
Dec. 6, Saturday	7	No-Limit Hold 'Em (Noon)	\$1,000 + \$80
Dec. 6, Saturday		Mega Satellite (6pm)	\$500 + \$50
Dec. 6, Saturday		No-Limit Hold 'Em (10pm)	\$300 + \$40
Dec. 7, Sunday	8	Ladies No-Limit Hold 'Em (Noon)	\$200 + \$30
Dec. 7, Sunday		Mega Satellite Day (1pm, 4pm, 8pm)	\$500 + \$50
Dec. 8, Monday	9	Satellite Championship (3 Days)	\$5,000 + \$150
Dec. 9, Tuesday		Day #2	
Dec. 10, Wednesday		Day #3 – Final Table (2pm)	

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Vivek Rajkumar wins Borgata Poker Open

It took only 48 hands and less than three hours for Vivek Rajkumar to claim his first World Poker Tour title and the \$1.4 million first prize at the 2008 Borgata Poker Open. Rajkumar could do no wrong at the final table, thanks to strong play with his big stack, and more than a little luck from the deck that helped him create his big lead.

The six players who made the final table from a field of 516 players included such notables as Dan Heimiller and Mark Seif. Rajkumar entered the final table as the chipleader with 6.48 million, but Seif wasn't too far behind with 4.67 million. With beginning blinds of 60,000-120,000 with a 10,000 ante play would move quickly in this match.

Andrew Knee was first to go in sixth when he moved all-in for 1.1 million and was called by Jason Storchak. Knee needed an ace when he revealed A-4 and Storchak held

T-T. He couldn't catch what he needed and collected \$237,500.

Then came the pot that put Rajkumar in control. He and Seif got in a raising war that put Rajkumar all-in (by this point in the match Seif had outchipped him). The two-time World Series of Poker bracelet winner showed two black aces to top the same colored tens of Rajkumar, but the flop of Q-T-5 turned that around. The set of tens held to boost Rajkumar to more than 10 million as he repeated "so sick" over and over. Seif was eliminated a short time late with K-Q versus Rajkumar's A-5 and got \$287,500 for fifth.

The young internet pro continued his hot streak by rapidly eliminating players in quick succession. First, he knocked out Storchak in fourth (\$337,500) when his Q-J bested Storchak's J-2. Then he put Heimiller out in third (\$287,500) with A-5 versus Q-3 on a nice board for Rajkumar – K-5-4-5-5.

When heads-up play started, Rajkumar had Sang Kim covered 16.85 million to 3.87 million. On the seventh and final hand of heads-up action, Kim raised on the button and Rajkumar re-raised. Kim moved in and Rajkumar called. It was just his day. Kim had Rajkumar dominated with A-Q versus A-J but the flop came J-T-7. Kim needed a queen or king to survive, but the turn and river came A-8 and Rajkumar was champion. Kim won \$750,000 for his runner-up finish.

Rajkumar was the recipient of \$1,424,500, which boosts his career live tournament winnings to \$1,882,704. [R](#)



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 CDN	\$300 CDN
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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October 24



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DO YOU PLAY POKER?

No, I am very dyslexic so I can't read. I watch my brother, Trey and his college buddies. Looks like a lot of fun; just not sure how I would do it. I have a really good memory due to my disability but I have not tried it yet. (Todd has an IQ in the genius range).

SO YOUR CONDITION IS 22Q SYNDROME. WOULD YOU TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT THAT? WHAT KIND OF PROBLEMS DO YOU HAVE?

Yes, I was born with numerous birth defects. I spent like 700 days in UAB and Children's Hospital before I finally came home for good. I have had 3 Major Open Hearts and numerous procedures on my stomach and esophagus. At the age of nine I was diagnosed with Variant DiGeorge Syndrome with Combined Immune Deficiency. DiGeorge is a deletion in the 22 chromosome. Every month I receive a 6 hour IV Immune treatment, like bubble boy, they keep me alive. Heart defects are a big part of 22Q, I had my first Open Heart at a day old. The syndrome affects people differently, from Mental Retardation to the

rarest Immune deficiencies. My problems have been more physical. I would say my heart and immune problems have been the most serious. I have learning disabilities, I am dyslexic so I spend a lot of time listening to books on tape, and writing is impossible. I can sign my name but it is foreign to me. I also have a high cleft palate so that's why I have a speech impediment. High School was tough, couldn't do the sport thing so I spent a lot of time on the outside looking in. I really want to bring awareness to disabilities so other kids will know that in spite of their conditions they are given unique gifts as well. I credit my parents with keeping me alive they had to learn to do a lot of things and they obviously did it well. They were definitely my advocate. When I was born many children with DiGeorge did not survive due to the heart defects and the repairs available then. So I am very fortunate. www.22q.org

WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING GUITAR?

Three years ago, I watched a Jimi Hendrix DVD. I am a visual learner so I just listened

and watched his hands. I started playing the harmonica at nine, pretty much the same way, heard it liked it and played it. I can't read so reading music is out. Notes mean nothing to me. I would not be a good guitar player just sitting here. I need to hear the music. I may play the guitar upside down, backwards, left handed or right handed doesn't matter as long as I feel it. I just need to hear it and feel it and then let it take me where ever it goes. Probably not the ideal situation for the band but it works great for me.

THAT IS FASCINATING. WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

I don't know. I do wonder if part of my brain is working overtime to make up for another area that is working less. It has been suggested by the doctors that when on the ventilator for so long perhaps I had a series of small strokes and seizures leaving part of the brain damaged and enabling the other part to be hypersensitive to sounds, etc. I see amazing colors when I play. They are so vibrant. Colors change in and around the crowd. Maybe it is their energy I see. Different pieces of music look different to

me visually. It's so great to just take in all the energy. I know it is hard to understand. It is hard to explain. The music just happens.

THAT IS REALLY SPIRITUAL SOUNDING TO ME.

Oh it is definitely bigger than me. It is God. That is the only explanation. I do believe in old souls and I think maybe they help me out a bit. When I am on stage, I am in a zone. People will tell me things I did or that happened during a show or on stage and I won't remember it. I am always moving on stage and when singing I don't have the speech impediment. The way things have happened have led me and my family and friends to believe that on stage is where I am suppose to be. I guess it's my destiny.

SPEAKING OF FAMILY YOUR DAD IS IN THE BAND CORRECT?

Yes, and my dad is a great man. He taught high-school and coached all the while dealing with my medical issues. He retired just so I could do my thing. How great is that! We are having some great times and making some unbelievable memories. The drummer for the band is Jessica Keenum and Corey Mitchell plays Bass guitar.

YOU ARE REALLY STARTING TO MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF TOURING AROUND NOW. DO YOU ENJOY THAT PART...TRAVELING AND TOURING?

I love it! I enjoy the day to day different cities, meeting new people, all the different shows. I want to put myself in front of as many people as I can. I see the people enjoying themselves and our style of music and it is great. We have the most diverse and loyal fans ever. I have made so many great friends through the music. I know my music is not the normal for people my age but I am so inspired by some of the older music.

Beginning with Jimi Hendrix I really study the older musicians and their sound. Otis Redding is in my CD player right now. I can't take it out it is so awesome. I want to bring some more awareness to people about this style of music. All the old standards, funk, blues and southern rock and rock and roll. There is so much out there.

YOU RECENTLY RECORDED YOUR FIRST CD CORRECT?

Yes, Johnny Sandlin (legendary producer for Muscle Shoals, AL) brought his team down for a few days and recorded us. The CD has nine originals and two or three covers. We are still working on the project. It will be released soon so be sure and keep an eye out for it.

ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT OPENING UP FOR THE ALLMAN BROTHERS/PHIL LESH AND PHRIENDS SHOW?

Oh yeah, that is going to be great. I have not seen either live so I am just excited. I want to just keep playing more and more and learning from all the musicians I get turned on to. I have to say at this point my number one goal is turning people on to music. I hope I can touch people with my sound.

There are numerous Youtube videos of this Mojochild's performances available to check out. A documentary is in the works and coming out on HBO or PBS about the unbelievable story of this amazing young man. His guitar playing and live performances are appealing to audiences young and old across all demographics of music lovers. This music lover is honored to have gotten to meet and talk to Todd Simpson. His story has reaffirmed my belief that the power and blessing of music is evident in even more ways then we yet know. We have to be open to it like Todd is. **R**

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Ask Hoyt

Hoyt Corkins took a break from a drive in the desert on a lovely fall day to take our questions...

IS THERE AN UPDATE ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE BURGLARY OF YOUR HOME? —Jim in Texas

Yes, the police have worked real hard on it. I've got two of my three vehicles back, and I've got a computer back and some fax machines. They've got two of the guys in custody. They think it might be five or six and they got some good leads on the rest of them.

WHERE IS THE BEST FOOD ON THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL?

—George in Virginia

I would have to say Bellagio for that. I like crab legs and Bellagio's got some of the best.

WITH WHAT HAND DO YOU THINK YOU'VE HAD THE MOST SUCCESS? —Nancy in Nevada

I would say A-9 off-suit. It's a hard hand to play. It's a hand that needs to be folded a lot, but can be played with power in certain situations. I won the Foxwoods WPT tournament with that hand, and that is a monster hand heads-up.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR ADVICE TO AN UP AND COMING PLAYER WHO WANTED TO TURN PRO? —Alan in Tennessee

Discipline, patience, money management, being able to take a loss, never jeopardize your bankroll in one week's time. If you lose a certain amount of money, take some time off. Try to keep your day job and have something to fall back on where you wouldn't be forced to win. Keep your overhead down on your cost of living, and brace yourself for a bad run.



WITH THE RECENT ONLINE POKER CHEATING SCANDALS ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF DOYLE'S ROOM? —Nat in Georgia

No, I'm not. There's all kinds of people cheating all the time. It's cheating on poker. It's cheating on Wall Street. It's cheating on business. It's sort of like the buyer beware. I've been playing poker 30 years and there's always some sort of cheating going on throughout the years. Most of it hasn't been that much. I think it's safer than Wall Street and the business world. You have to protect yourself. Don't put too much money into one particular game. If you go to a certain casino or a certain website then you only want to lose a certain amount of money in that game, so that will give you some protection if the game is crooked that you won't lose your entire bankroll on it.

WOULD YOU COACH ANY OF THE NOVEMBER NINE IF ONE OF THEM ASKED YOU TO? —Dennis in Arkansas

It would be possible that I would do something like that. It would just be according to where we did it at and if I had the time for it. **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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