

Bonomo Tops Gutsy Field in WSOP Finale

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Justin Bonomo was in a giving mood. He wasn't alone.

With a buy-in of \$1 million, it's no surprise Event 78 of the 2018 World Series of Poker had just 27 entrants. It took plenty of nerve - and heart - to partake in the tournament billed, *The Big One for One Drop*.

When it was done, Bonomo earned \$10 million for his first-place finish, pushing his career take at the WSOP to \$13,799,864. It marked the third time the Las Vegas pro has received a gold bracelet. He's made 15 final tables and cashed 46 times at the World Series.

Event 78 raised more than \$2 million for the One Drop Foundation, a charity devoted to providing safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Fedor Holz, who was second, collected \$6 million, while the third-place finisher, Dan Smith, was paid \$4 million.

Rick Salomon (fourth) banked \$2,840,000.

Ohio native Byron Kaverman made \$2 million for finishing fifth. He has 25 cashes at the WSOP.

The prize pool for the tourney was \$24,840,000.

Ben Yu outlasted 127 other players to win Event 77, a \$50,000 NLH high roller. The victory was worth \$1,650,773. A Las Vegas resident, Yu has earned more than \$4 million playing WSOP competitions. He owns three bracelets.

Sean Winter was second, which added \$1,020,253 to his bankroll. The cash was the 17th for the Floridian.

Nick Petrangelo (third) picked up \$720,103.

Event 76, a \$3,000 H.O.R.S.E. tourney, was won by Brian Hastings, who plays out of Pennsylvania. Along with his fourth bracelet, Hastings received \$233,202. He's made 11 final tables at the WSOP.

Joe Cada, the winner of the 2009 WSOP Main Event, was first in Event 75, a \$1,500 NLH tournament. A Michigan resident, Cada earned \$612,886. The bracelet is his fourth.

India's Paawan Bansal got \$378,765 for finishing second.

There were 3,120 participants.

Cada was fifth in the 2018 \$10,000 NLH Main Event, won by John Cynn.

Cada got \$2,150,000 for the finish.

Cynn, from Indianapolis, received \$8.8 million.

Tony Miles (second) walked away with \$5 million.