



**2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Seven**

**Horseshoe Casino (Chicago)  
Event #8**

**Main Event Championship  
No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: 1,500 (+100)**

**Total Entries: 872**

**Total Prize Pool: \$1,245,680**

**October 22-24, 2010**

**Final Results:**

<b>Place</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Prize</b>
1	Kurt	Jewell	Frankfort	KY	\$242,909
2	Jared	Kenworthy	Independence	MO	\$150,104
3	William	Reynolds	Sioux City	IA	\$110,567
4	Edwin	Choi	Bolingbrook	IL	\$82,514
5	Nick	Jivkow	Des Plaines	IL	\$62,384
6	Corey	Souther	Pensacola	FL	\$47,772
7	Bryan	Devonshire	Henderson	NV	\$37,047
8	Daniel	Cohen	Wilmette	IL	\$29,087
9	Casey	Hayes	Demotte	IN	\$23,120
10	Matthew	Shepsky	Skokie	IL	\$18,598
11	Kevin	Ammerman	Mason	MI	\$18,598
12	Nadezhda	Magnus	Palatine	IL	\$18,598
13	John	Farmakoulas	Chicago	IL	\$15,135
14	Joshua	Kay	West Bloomfield	MI	\$15,135
15	Charles	Wiper	Boulder	CO	\$15,135
16	Ross	Keiser	Highwood	IL	\$12,469
17	Theodore	Korolchuk	Omaha	NE	\$12,469
18	Peter	Panos	Mokena	IL	\$12,469
19	Joshua	Blakemorebaig	Beverly Shores	IL	\$10,389
20	Jason	Neufeld	Mission	KS	\$10,389
21	Kevin	Calenzo	Newhartfod	NY	\$10,389
22	Kevin	Roppolo	Schaumburg	IL	\$8,757
23	Kim Ruby	Schinco	Freeland	MI	\$8,757
24	Brent	Wheeler	St. Charles	IL	\$8,757
25	Daniel	Mcguire	Chicago	IL	\$7,462
26	Michael Robert	Hahn	Indianapolis	IN	\$7,462
27	James	Kasputis Jr	Rockford	IL	\$7,462
28	Eli	Loewenthal	Carmel	IN	\$6,428

29	Steven	Gilletly	Wheaton	IL	\$6,428
30	Shawn	Rusch	Milwaukee	WI	\$6,428
31	Dennis	Lockrey	Hoffman Estates	IL	\$5,606
32	James	Gladwell	Williston	FL	\$5,606
33	Peter	Hotaling	Southfield	MI	\$5,606
34	Donald	Norman	Marion	IL	\$4,945
35	Kathleen	Liebert	Las Vegas	NV	\$4,945
36	Scorr	Clarke	Glenellen	IL	\$4,945
37	Anthony	Roviso	Schaumburg	IL	\$4,410
38	Ravi	Raghavan	Northbrook	IL	\$4,410
39	Matthew	Brady	Havertown	PA	\$4,410
40	Rajko	Rajko Bozic	Glen Oaks	IL	\$4,410
41	Michael	Byrne	Palos Heights	IL	\$4,410
42	John	Elliott	Glencoe	IL	\$4,410
43	Jeremy	Torchinsky	Aurora	OH	\$4,410
44	Allen	Bari	W. Orange	NJ	\$4,410
45	Dean	Hamrick	East Lansing	MI	\$4,410
46	Pawel	Andrzejewski	Des Plaines	IL	\$3,974
47	Howard	Weiss	Crown Point	IN	\$3,974
48	Shiva	Dudani	West Desmoines	IA	\$3,974
49	Mimi	Roeder	Evanston	IL	\$3,974
50	Christopher	Matan	Bolingbrook	IL	\$3,974
51	Brett	Richey	Alston	MN	\$3,974
52	Benjamin	Volpe	Glenview	IL	\$3,974
53	Dapreesch	Scates	Lansing	MI	\$3,974
54	Albert	Lucenti	Bloominton	IL	\$3,974
55	Edward	Pionke	Chicago	IL	\$3,612
56	James	Juvancic	Westchester	IL	\$3,612
57	Sarkis	Oshana	South Elgin	IL	\$3,612
58	Anthony	Nardi	Verona	WI	\$3,612
59	Melissa	Machowski	Justice	IL	\$3,612
60	Eduardo	Grimaldo	Hometown	IL	\$3,612
61	Richard	Rockwood	Blue Island	IL	\$3,612
62	Adam	Sporinsky	Chicago	IL	\$3,612
63	Jeffrey	Reimer	Spring Grove	IL	\$3,612
64	Robert	Mitchell	Grant Part	IL	\$3,326
65	Manuel	Davidian	Morton Grove	IL	\$3,326
66	Andrew	Youngblood	Dearborn Heights	MI	\$3,326
67	Perry	Chou	Morton Grove	IL	\$3,326
68	David	Peters	Toledo	OH	\$3,326
69	Patrick	Fogleman	Springfield	IL	\$3,326
70	Gordon	Vayo	Chicago	IL	\$3,326
71	Cero	Zuccarello	Madison	WI	\$3,326
72	Daniel	Schacher	Lisle	IL	\$3,326
73	Andrew	Mcnamee	Bloomington	IL	\$3,064
74	Edward	Koppe	Battle Creek	MI	\$3,064
75	Jeffrey	Sluzinski	Las Vegas	NV	\$3,064
76	Amer	Mansor	Sterling Heights	MI	\$3,064
77	Gregory	Mcmahan	Merrionette Park	IL	\$3,064
78	Jon	Sexton	Southhaven	MS	\$3,064
79	Munsif	Karim	Schaumburg	IL	\$3,064
80	Andrew	Rubinberg	Skokie	IL	\$3,064
81	Michael	See	Orland Park	IL	\$3,064
82	Sameer	Aldbhany	Frankfort	KY	\$2,815
83	Christopher	Johnson	Greenfield	WI	\$2,815
84	Joseph	Santo	Chicago	IL	\$2,815
85	Gary	Kreymer	Northbrook	IL	\$2,815
86	Mahmoud	Youseftaha	Bridgeview	IL	\$2,815
87	Michael	Krupinski	Frankfort	IL	\$2,815
88	Kenneth	Coppens	Toledo	OH	\$2,815

89	Mary	Todd	Chicago	IL	\$2,815
90	Steven	Maniaci	St. Clair Shores	MI	\$2,815

## Kurt Jewell Puts on a Gem of a Performance

### Kentucky Poker Pro Wins Largest WSOP Circuit Main Event in History

**Hammond, IN** – The record-shattering World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event in Chicago has finally ended. After playing three consecutive 12-plus hour days, only one player remained seated at the final table, thus becoming Chicago's 2010 World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event Champion.

The victor was Kurt Jewell, a professional poker player from Frankfort, KY. He officially collected \$242,909 in prize money. Jewell also received his first-ever WSOP Circuit Gold Ring. Jewell won two pre-paid seats – first into the \$10,000 buy-in Regional Championship (which began the following day) as well as an automatic bid to the \$1 million freeroll National Championship, which will take place in Las Vegas, next May.

Jewell is a 25-year-old graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He holds a degree in sports management. Jewell eventually hopes to work in sports at some point when the "right opportunity comes along," he says. But until then, Jewell is content with grinding out a living by playing poker professionally. He says his ideal job would be to work for Major League Baseball's Cincinnati Reds, his favorite team.

Jewell's previous poker accomplishments include six WSOP Circuit cashes, including a runner-up finish at Horseshoe Council Bluffs in July and a third-place finish earlier this month at Southern Indiana. He is now among the leaders in points accumulated on this year's WSOP Circuit, which now includes the first three stops of the season.

Jewell put on a masterful performance. Focused and determined from start to finish, he was the chip leader from the middle of Day Two until the late stages of the tournament. Jewell lost the lead temporarily when a few of the shorter stacks managed to double up. But he was able to regain his advantage and eventually win his first major poker title.

The runner up was Jared Kenworthy, from Independence, MO. He was an assistant golf pro before turning to poker as a profession. Kenworthy collected the handsome sum of \$150,104 for second place.

The \$1,500 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em Championship was held at the Horseshoe Casino near Chicago and attracted the largest tournament field in WSOP Circuit history. A whopping 872 players entered the three-day competition, which more than doubled the previous record set two years ago. Given the huge field, it was expected the tournament would extend into the late hours. The final hand was dealt at 4 am on Monday morning, 14 hours after the day began.

The top 90 finishers collected prize money. To see all OFFICIAL RESULTS, including all finishers 1-90, visit: [WSOP.COM](http://WSOP.COM).

The tournament took place over three long days and nights. Day One ended with James Kasputis, Jr. as the chip leader. He ended up finishing in 27th place. Day Two concluded with Kurt Jewell, who went on to win the tournament. He was the chip leader going into the final table. The nine finalists and their starting chip counts when final table play began were as follows:

**SEAT 1:** Bryan Devonshire (Henderson, NV) – 520,000

**SEAT 2:** Nick Jivkov (Des Plaines, IL) – 2,165,000

**SEAT 3:** Williams Reynolds (Sioux City, IA) -- 2,400,000

**SEAT 4:** Jared Kenworthy (Independence, MO) – 1,650,000

**SEAT 5:** Kurt Jewell (Frankfort, KY) – 3,275,000

**SEAT 6:** Daniel Cohen (Wilmette, IL) – 1,290,000

**SEAT 7:** Will “the Monkey” Souther (Biloxi, MS) – 1,700,000

**SEAT 8:** Edwin Choi (Bolingbrook, IL) – 2,400,000

**SEAT 9:** Casey Hayes (Merrillville, IN) – 1,300,000

## **HAYES WAVES -- GOODBYE**

**9th Place** – The first player eliminated was Casey Hayes, from Merrillville, IN. He is a 28-year-old professional poker player. Prior to playing for a living, Hayes worked as a financial advisor. He graduated from Purdue University. Hayes arrived at the finale as one of the lower stacks. He went bust after he moved all-in on what turned out to be his last hand with Ah Jh. His raise was called by an opponent with Ad Ks. Both players made a two pair to a Kc 9h 8c As Js board, with the A-J taking second to the better two. Hayes earned a well-deserved \$23,120.

## **COHEN GETS THROWN OUT**

**8th Place** – Daniel Cohen went out next, in eighth place. The 61-year-old former executive for Major League Baseball’s Chicago White Sox (he worked for the legendary late owner Bill Veeck), struck out after becoming short-stacked. His final hand turned out to be Ah Kh, which ran into the worst possible adversary -- bullets. He was not able to overcome Ad As and went out with \$29,087 in prize money. Cohen entered this tournament by winning a poker room promotion at the Horseshoe Casino.

## **NO SECOND GOLD RING FOR DEVONSHIRE**

**7th Place** – Bryan Devonshire was arguably the best-known tournament player at the final table. He won the 2009 WSOP Circuit Main Event Championship, the counterpart to this tournament held at Harrah’s Rincon, near San Diego. Devonshire was shooting for what would have been his second Gold Ring victory. But instead, he had to settle for seventh place. Devonshire took a brutal beat on his last hand. He lost holding Ks Kd to 8c 2c (to be fair, Devonshire was short, and a big stack was on the blind). The final board showed 8d 4h 2d qs Td, making two pair for the 8-2. Devonshire shook his head and walked away with a disappointing finish – seventh place. The Las Vegas resident collected \$37,047.

## **SOUTHER MONKEYS AROUND**

**6th Place** – Will “the Monkey” Souther is one of the South’s most colorful personalities. He is unlike most poker pros, as he is constantly showing his emotions and chattering away while playing, his face pretty much a barometer of how he’s faring and how he’s feeling at the poker table. Souther was all smiles during the tournament’s first two days. But he had a big frown on his face after misplaying pocket aces on one key hand, and then busting out a short time later. Souther was left short-stacked after taking a big hit when he flopped top pair and lost to pocket kings. He managed to survive on life support for a few rounds and watched as Bryan Devonshire walked the plank in his place (given his low stack). But he finally succumbed to the odds against him and ended up collecting \$47,772 in prize money. Souther won his way into this event via a \$250 buy-in mega-satellite.

## **ANOTHER TOURNAMENT, ANOTHER FINAL TABLE FOR JIVKOV**

**5th Place** – Nick Jivkov, a 32-year-old part-time poker pro who also owns a transportation company, drove away in fifth place. He previously took 11<sup>th</sup> place in the 2008 WSOP Circuit Main Event Championship, in Chicago. He also finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the 2010 Chicago Poker Classic, which took place earlier this year. Jivkov pulled off a sort of trifecta, with yet another impressive performance. He finally went out holding Qc 8c against pocket aces. He flopped top pair and his remaining stack went into the pot. The final board was Qd 7d 5c Kd Jc – which meant the aces held up. Fifth place paid \$62,384.

## **CHOI GETS CHOPPED**

**4th Place** – Edwin Choi was one of the players who dominated the final table, at least until play became four-handed. The 24-year-old dental student from Bolingbrook, IL was playing in his first WSOP Circuit event. He earned his way into the tournament by winning a promotion at the Horseshoe Poker Room. Choi managed to turn his freeroll into \$82,514 in prize money.

## **REYNOLDS WRAPPED**

**3rd Place** – William Reynolds, a 21-year-old up-and-coming poker prodigy from Sioux City, IA, was the third-place finisher. He is well-known as one of the top online poker players. Reynolds was playing in his first WSOP Circuit tournament, and proves to be a name and face to watch as the season continues. Reynolds had the chip lead when play was at three-handed. But he took a beat late in the tournament and went out a short time later. His last hand was Ac 4d losing to Kurt Jewell's As 6c. Neither player made a pair, but Jewell's higher kicker played to take what remained of Reynolds' stack. Third place paid \$110,567.

## **KENWORTHY PROVES WORTHY FOR SECOND PLACE**

**2nd Place** – Jared Kenworthy, a 29-year-old former assistant golf pro-turned poker player, was the runner up. He is from Independence, MO. This was his first time to cash in a WSOP-related poker tournament. Earning more than six figures turned out to be quite an accomplishment, as Kenworthy received \$150,104 in prize money, but no Gold Ring.

## **JEWELL'S PERFORMANCE IS A GEM**

**1st Place** – Kurt Jewell won his first major poker championship, plus a WSOP Circuit gold ring. On the final hand of the tournament, Jewell was dealt Qs Jd. He was a big dog to Jared Kenworthy's Ac Qd but had enough chips to play an all-in situation against a short-stacked opponent. The final board showed Td 5d 4s 2s Jc, giving Jewell a pair of jacks. Reacting to the victory, Jewell allowed himself to smile for the first time during the tournament, after three long days of putting on his best poker face. Jewell had reason to be happy, since he received \$242,909 in prize money – which more than doubled his total career live tournament earnings up to this point.

This was the eighth of 11 Gold Ring events which took place this year at the Horseshoe Casino and is the third year Hammond has hosted a WSOP Circuit stop. All tournament events took place inside the special events arena called "The Venue." Horseshoe Hammond is conveniently located just a short distance from the Illinois-Indiana border, and is about 20 minutes away from Downtown Chicago.

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