



**2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Horseshoe Bossier City  
Event #1  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+45)  
Total Entries: 418  
Total Prize Pool: \$120,288  
September 8-9, 2011**

**Official Final Results:**

1	Jeffery Overton	Marshall, TX, US	\$26,460
2	Nicholas Gorman	SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA, US	\$16,353
3	Bryan Chaler	Shreveport, LA, US	\$11,949
4	Brian Scheid	SAGINAW, TX, US	\$8,872
5	Christopher Din	Pleasanton, TX, US	\$6,690
6	Homero Salinas	LA JOYA, TX, US	\$5,121
7	Gennady Kalin	Houston, TX, US	\$3,977
8	Robert Newman	Bossier City, LA, US	\$3,121
9	Hiep Pham	Bossier City, LA, US	\$2,502
10	Jason Schwartz	BOZEMAN, MT, US	\$2,026
11	Shahnawaz Lokhandwala	Sugar Land, TX, US	\$2,026
12	Jerald Dyrek	Lake Charles, LA,	\$2,026
13	Ronald Larson	Seabrook, TX, US	\$1,662
14	Steven Giddings	Ruston, LA, US	\$1,662
15	Christopher Jackson	Monroe, LA, US	\$1,662
16	Kai Yang	Plano, TX, US	\$1,383
17	Eric Dethlefsen	Vallejo, CA, US	\$1,383
18	Barton West	Cleveland, TX, US	\$1,383
19	Ly Do	SAN ANTONIO, TX, US	\$1,166
20	William Cole	MURRIETA, CA, US	\$1,166
21	Quoc Vu	GARLAND, TX, US	\$1,166
22	Patrick Patton	Texarkana, AR, US	\$995
23	Edward Stewart	Mooringsport, LA, US	\$995
24	Kathryn Stone	BRIGANTINE, NJ	\$995
25	Jimmy Humphries	Marshall, TX, US	\$860
26	Terry Petree	Longview, TX, US	\$860
27	Robert Gardner	Monticello, IL, US	\$860
28	Aaron Lashlee	FLUKER, LA, US	\$753
29	Dan Sztenderowicz	PHILADELPHIA, PA, US	\$753
30	Roy Henry	Many, LA, US	\$753
31	Jonathan Impson	Ruston, LA, US	\$668
32	Tony Allen	MURRAY, KY, US	\$668
33	Murray Acuff	Gladewater, TX, US	\$668
34	Robert Dawson	Shreveport, LA, US	\$599
35	Mark James	Fayetteville, AR,	\$599
36	Zachary Evans	Granbury, TX, US	\$599
37	Gary Quinones	Shreveport, LA, US	\$544
38	Lanell Dykes	Center, TX, US	\$544

39	Christopher Gamboa	KATY, TX, US	\$544
40	Dennis Baker	HAUGHTON, LA,	\$544
41	Roston Stukes	MANNING, SC, US	\$544
42	Michael Pyles	Hallsville, TX, US	\$544
43	Steven Wingate	Palestine, TX, US	\$544
44	Ottis Jacobs	BROOKWOOD, AL, US	\$544
45	Tommy Miller	Mansfield, TX, US	\$544

## Number One

### Jeff Overton Wins WSOP Circuit Season Opener at Horseshoe Bossier City

### Shreveport Area Hosting First-Ever WSOP Circuit Events – 418 Players Enter First Tournament

**Bossier City, LA** – September 8, 2011 will likely be remembered as a day of new beginnings. On the same day the National Football League regular season kicked off (Green Bay defeated the New Orleans Saints in a thriller) and President Barack Obama addressed a joint session of Congress hoping to jump start the economy, the eighth season of the World Series of Poker Circuit began play in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Horseshoe Bossier City, nestled on the Red River overlooking Downtown Shreveport, is hosting a WSOP Circuit stop for the first time. The Horseshoe Casino and Hotel series is the first of 16 scheduled WSOP Circuit stops this season. All the tournament action takes place inside a special pavilion constructed on the rooftop of the casino. Indeed, every card dealt out at the Horseshoe is a “river card,” since the casino is actually located a riverboat. The outer deck of the rooftop overlooks a bustling city full of buildings, bridges, and barges and is just steps away from all the poker action.

It’s fitting that Louisiana, widely-acknowledged as the birthplace of poker, will serve as both the opening and closing destinations for the new season. After events conclude here at Bossier City on September 19<sup>th</sup>, followed by 14 more WSOP Circuit stops in between, the season finale will take place at Harrah’s New Orleans, next May.

Based on the strong early turnout and lots of enthusiasm for poker here in the Shreveport area, the forthcoming WSOP Circuit season appears to be headed for another successful year.

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The first tournament of the new season was a \$345 buy-in No-Limit Hold’em event. There were 418 entrants, a figure which surpassed the expectations of organizers who were hoping for 300 players to the first-ever WSOP-related event held in Northern Louisiana. The two-day mid-week tournament generated a total prize pool of \$120,288 in prize money. The top 45 players were paid and received National Championship ranking points.

The season’s first champion is Jeff Overton, from Shreveport. He is a 44-year-old petroleum engineer. Overton is originally from Hackleburg, AL which was nearly destroyed six months ago by a tornado. He enjoyed his first major tournament victory after playing poker for several years. This was his third time to play in a WSOP Circuit event.

“I am thrilled to win this,” Overton said afterwards as he was being congratulated by his supporters. “This ring means a lot to me. It’s what I was playing for.”

“I guess I will always be the first winner here in Bossier City,” he added.

Overton collected a nice score amounting to \$26,460 in prize money. He defeated a tough foe heads up named Nicholas Gorman. The final duel of the tournament lasted 90 minutes.

A full list of all players who cashed can be seen at [WSOP.COM](http://WSOP.COM)

The tournament was played over two consecutive days. After most of the starting field was eliminated on Day One, 29 survivors from the starting field of 418 returned for Day Two action. Final table play began on late Friday afternoon. The nine finalists and their starting chip counts were as follows:

- Seat 1: Bryan Chaler (Shreveport, LA) – 964,000 in chips**
- Seat 2: Christopher Din (Houston, TX) – 148,000 in chips**
- Seat 3: Jeff Overton (Shreveport, LA) – 590,000 in chips**
- Seat 4: Nicholas Gorman (South Lake Tahoe, CA) – 231,000 in chips**
- Seat 5: Bobby Newman (Bossier City, LA) – 558,000 in chips**
- Seat 6: Jason Schwartz (Bozeman, MT) – 241,000 in chips**
- Seat 7: Homer Salinas (La Joya, TX) – 248,000 in chips**
- Seat 8: Hiep Pham (Bossier City, LA) – 327,000 in chips**
- Seat 9: Gennady Kalim (Houston, TX) – 377,000 in chips**
- Seat 10: Brian Schneid (Saginaw, TX) – 423,000 in chips**

Final table play began at 7 pm and ended at 12:30 am – making the total duration about 5.5 hours. The official order of finish was as follows:

**Tenth Place:** The first player eliminated was Jason Schwartz, from Bozeman, MT. He is a 42-year-old investor. He previously made a final table appearance at a WSOP Circuit event held at Harrah's Rincon.

**Ninth Place:** The ninth place finisher was Hiep Pham, from Bossier City, LA.

**Eighth Place:** Bobby Newman took eighth place. He is a 36-year-old student from Bossier City. This was Newman's first entry in a WSOP Circuit tournament.

**Seventh Place:** Seventh place went to Gennady Kalin, a 46-year-old petroleum engineer from Houston, TX. He is originally from the Ukraine. This marked Kalin's first time to play in a WSOP Circuit tournament.

**Sixth Place:** Homero Salinas finished in sixth place. He is a 24-year-old student from La Joya, TX.

**Fifth Place:** Christopher Din took fifth place. He is a 23-year-old poker player from Houston who is playing on the WSOP Circuit for the first time. Din made a nice jump up the money ladder, since he began the final in tenth place when play was at ten-handed. He earned \$6,690 in prize money.

**Fourth Place:** Brian Scheid finished in fourth place. He is a 37-year-old banker from Saginaw, TX. Scheid, a native of New York City, added the handsome sum of \$8,872 to his bank account.

**Third Place:** Bryan Chaler arrived at the final table with a big chip. But he took a few hits midway through the finale and ended up busting out in third place. Chaler, a 28-year-old local player from Shreveport, collected \$11,949 for two days of poker playing.

**Second Place:** Nicholas Gorman finished as runner up. The poker pro from South Lake Tahoe, CA has a shot to win. But he ran card dead late in the tournament and had to settle for second place, which paid a very respectable \$16,353. Gorman is a former math and social studies teacher who now plays poker full-time.

The final duel of the tournament began with Gorman enjoying a slim chip lead over Jeff Overton – with 2,100,000 in chips to about 1,900,000. Heads-up play lasted 90 minutes, during which Overton gradually seized control. The final hand was dealt when Overton enjoyed a substantial chip lead. Here’s how the last hand played out:

Gorman – As 9c  
Overton – Ad Ks  
Flop – Qh Jh 5s  
Turn – Td  
River – 2c

Gorman was in big trouble with a dominated hand – A-9 versus A-K. Things got worse on the flop when Overton picked up a straight draw to go along with his better hand. The ten on the turn sealed the victory for Overton, giving him a straight. Gorman finished as runner up and Overton was declared the winner.

**First Place:** Jeff Overton became the first WSOP Circuit champion of the new season. He earned his first major tournament victory and first WSOP Circuit gold ring with an impressive win at Horseshoe Bossier City. First place paid \$26,460.

With his victory, Overton rocketed into the early chip lead on every WSOP Circuit Leaderboard. He is the point-leader here at the Horseshoe Bossier City series. Overton is also the national leader – at least for a day.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments receives a pre-paid entry into the \$1 million 2011-2012 WSOP Circuit National Championship, to be held in Las Vegas, next May. At least two players from this tournament series will qualify for the WSOP Circuit National Championship, which is classified as a WSOP gold bracelet event.

There are eleven more gold ring events remaining in what is being billed as a “12 rings in 12 days” poker series. The WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Bossier City continues through September 19<sup>th</sup>. This year’s schedule includes not only the gold ring events, but multiple second-chance tournaments (at 5 pm and 7 pm most days), single table and mega satellites, plus cash games going around the clock inside the Horseshoe Poker Room.

For further information, please visit [WSOP.COM](http://WSOP.COM).

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