

2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Eight IP Casino Resort and Spa Event #1 No-Limit Hold'em

> Final Report Buy-In: \$345

**Total Entries: 272** 

Total Prize Pool: \$79,152

October 27-28, 2011

## WSOP CIRCUIT RETURNS TO GULF COAST

Randall Goodner Wins Event #1 at IP Biloxi. Gets First Circuit Ring.

Biloxi, MS (October 29, 2011) — For the second consecutive year, IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi is playing host to the World Series of Poker Circuit and the finest poker players the South has to offer.

The casino resort is newly remodeled and features 1,088 rooms and over 70,000 square feet of gaming space. In 2005, Studio B, a ballroom located on the second floor and the location of the current WSOPC events, took on over nine feet of flooding in the wake of hurricane Katrina. Now, six years later, it's dressed to the nines with 60 poker tables eagerly awaiting poker's next champions to take their seats.

Needless to say, the WSOPC is in full swing on Mississippi's Gulf Coast.

Two days ago, 272 entrants put up the \$345 buy-in for a chance at a piece of the \$79,152 prize pool in Event #1. When the dust settled, one man stood at the top — Randall Goodner.

Goodner is 34-years-old and splits his professional life between poker and real estate investments, though in light of recent economic conditions, says he only exhausts about 25 percent of his efforts on the latter. He lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and spends much of his time in Biloxi where he is a regular at the cash game tables. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and says the skills he picked up studying psychology have helped him succeed on the poker table.

This was Goodner's first significant live tournament victory and he earned \$18,647 for his finish. His heads-up battle found him matched up against none other than 2010 November 9 participant, and close friend of, John Dolan. The pair battled it out for the better part of two hours before a winner was crowned.

When play began on Day 2, 21 players remained and it was anybody's ball game. A final table was reached within the first three hours of play, and the players stacked up as follows:

## **Final Table:**

Seat 1	Randall Goodner	Atlanta, GA	375,000
Seat 2	Kirk McKenzie	Omaha, NE	145,000
Seat 3	Randolph Reynolds	Jacksonville, FL	395,000
Seat 4	Mark Rose	Orlando, FL	360,000
Seat 5	Joe De Luna	San Antonio, TX	243,000