



**2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Eight
IP Biloxi Casino Resort and Spa
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em Main Event
Final Report
Buy-In: \$1,600
Total Entries: 337
Total Prize Pool: \$490,335
November 5-7, 2011**

THE DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

Jerry Monroe Records Back-to-Back Main Event Final Table Appearances at IP Biloxi.

Biloxi, MS (November 7, 2011) — One year ago, Jerry Monroe came to the final table of the Main Event at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, Mississippi with about 10 big blinds and only move — All-in. He couldn't get anything going and left the tournament in seventh place. He has carried that performance with him ever since.

Fast-forward one year to the 2011-2012 IP Main Event.

He carried it with him during Day 1. He carried with him when he made Day 2. When the money bubble burst, he carried it with him. When he made the final table, he still carried it with him. But when Michael Nasserazad left the tournament in seventh place, last year's performance was out the window.

"My goal was to finish better than seventh and after that I was just excited," Monroe said. "A few of the guys back home have rings, but mine gets to have a few diamonds in it."

Monroe is 44 years old and invests in rental properties in his hometown of Columbus, Georgia. He wouldn't consider himself a professional poker player, but after back-to-back final table appearances, one has to wonder how far off the label of 'pro' might be.

The heads-up battle was short and sweet. Three hands in Monroe got pocket Nines all-in against the Ace Queen of William Phillips. No Ace or Queen hit the board and Monroe placed an exclamation point on his deep run from exactly one year ago.

He earned \$112,779 and an automatic seat into the \$1 Million National Championship for his victory. He plans to send his entire family on a cruise to Europe.

Turnout at the 2011-2012 Main Event at IP Resort Casino and Spa in Biloxi, Mississippi increased almost 25 percent over last year.

In all, 337 players anted up the \$1,600 buy-in for a chance at Circuit immortality. The tournament lasted three days, including a Day 1 made up of two starting flights, A and B. Entrants eliminated in Flight A had the option of re-buying into Flight B.

Day 2 began with 173 players remaining and Charley Leroi out in front with 128,000 in chips. Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler also made it to Day 2. Unfortunately, the second day of play marked the end of the road as both players failed to make the money.

