

2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Eight

> Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs, Iowa Final Report Ring Event 9

No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$1,080

Entries: 147

Prizepool: \$142,590

April 4-5, 2012

DARRELL PREVAILS

Darrel Prevail beats out 147-person field in Council Bluffs \$1k. Takes home \$40,000 and first Circuit ring.

Council Bluffs, IA (April 7, 2012)—Darrell Prevail bested a 147-person field in the \$1,080 No-Limit Hold'em event in Council Bluffs Friday.

With a name like Prevail, how couldn't he?

He topped the likes of Ryan Tepen, Paul "Bicycle" Sokoloff, Jeff Banghart, Joel Merwick, Matt Lawrence and Jamie Kerstetter at the final table -- a formidable accomplishment considering this was his first major tournament score.

Prevail has been playing poker much of his life and experienced some modest success, but nothing quite like besting the elite field that a \$1,000 buy-in tournament draws.

"I always come to win," Prevail said of his mindset going into the tournament.

Winning would prove to be a formidable task as Prevail's opponents at the final table combined for almost \$1.4 million in lifetime earnings at the WSOP and four Circuit rings. It would take 10 hours to navigate through the final few players, but Prevail would come out on top and pocket \$39,925 and his first gold ring.

Prevail is a used car dealer from Sioux City, IA.

Seat 1	Matt Lawrence	Tulsa, OK	389,000
Seat 2	Paul "Bicycle" Sokoloff	Toronto, ON, CA	169,000
Seat 3	Jeff Banghart	Bennington, NE	100,000
Seat 4	Joel Merwick	Omaha, NE	106,000
Seat 5	James Russell	New Baltimore, MI	413,000
Seat 6	Bryan Moon	Chicago, IL	249,000
Seat 7	Jovan Sudar	Omaha, NE	DNR