



**2012 World Series of Poker Presented by Jack Link's Beef Jerky
Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Official Report
Event #54
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$1,000
Number of Entries: 3,221
Total Net Prize Pool: \$2,898,900
Number of Places Paid: 324
First Place Prize: \$500,075
July 1 - 4, 2012**

TOURNAMENT HEADLINES

Will Jaffe Wins \$1,000 Buy-In No-Limit Hold'em (Event #54)

25-Year-Old New York Poker Pro Collects Half-a-Million Dollars

Will Jaffe Wins First WSOP Gold Bracelet

Another Huge Field at 2012 WSOP – 3,221 Entrants

Brazil's Luis Campelo Finishes Second – Highest Finish by a Brazilian Player Since 2011

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

"The Morning After"

Following the richest night in poker history, Will Jaffe took poker's grandest stage and seized the spotlight.

On the "morning" after Antonio "The Magician" Esfandiari's jubilant victory in the Big One for One Drop, Jaffe and his merry band of fellow New Yorkers came to the Rio in Las Vegas and launched their own poker party.

Of course, "morning" for most poker players is usually sometime around noon. Walk the halls of the WSOP and you are likely to hear "good morning" spoken as late as 2 p.m.

If any group is capable of splashing of water on the face of a monster hangover, it was Jaffe and his colorful and often vocal rail of supporters. Prompted by a horde of Brazilians standing at the opposite side of the gallery cheering for their favorite player, Luis Campelo - the heads-up finale resembled an international soccer game more than a poker tournament. There were chants. There were cheers. There were flags. All that was missing was a riot.

Final score: Jaffe (USA) – 1....Campelo (Brazil) – 0.

Indeed, Jaffe won the \$1,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em (Event #54), which attracted a monster-sized field totaling 3,221 players. He collected \$500,075 in prize money. Jaffe was also presented with his first WSOP gold bracelet. Fittingly, the victory by the American took place on the Fourth of July.

Jaffe is a 25-year-old professional poker player from Bridgehampton, NY – located in Long Island. He has been playing full time for about four years. Jaffe first became passionate about the game when he was a sophomore in college, studying in New York City.

Jaffe defeated the Brazilian after a long heads-up match that lasted nearly four hours. The third day and final table session went so long that it was suspended. Players returned for an unscheduled fourth day, during which the championship was ultimately decided.

The final hand came when Jaffe was dealt A-2 offsuit. He ended up making a full house -- deuces full of aces.

The runner-up Campelo received a nice consolation prize in the amount of \$309,429. He is a 47-year-old engineer, who also operates "Liga Curitibana de Texas Hold'em." The club helps to promote the game of poker not just in his hometown of Curitiba, but throughout the country.

Had Campelo won, he would have been only the third WSOP gold bracelet winner in history from the nation of Brazil. The first was Jacobo Fernandez, who won in 2008. Coincidentally, he is also from Curitiba -- which is Campelo's hometown. The second winner was Andre Akkari, from Sao Paolo.

As things turned out, Campelo gave it his best shot, but hit the post – while Jaffe achieved his gooooooooooooooooooaaal.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CHAMPION – WILL JAFFE

Name: Will Jaffe

Age: 25

Birthplace: Southampton, NY (Long Island)

Residence: Bridgehampton, NY (Long Island)

Marital Status: Single

Children: None

Education: Attended College (did not graduate)

Profession: Professional Poker Player

WSOP Cashes: 3

WSOP Final Table Appearances: 1

WSOP Wins (with this victory): 1

WSOP-Related Earnings: \$508,791

Note: Jaffe will be classified as a professional poker player in WSOP records.

ODDS AND ENDS

This is the 1,013th gold bracelet to be awarded in WSOP history. It is also the 1,007th WSOP event in history.

This was classified as WSOP schedule Event #54, since it's the 54th gold bracelet of 61 to be awarded this summer in Las Vegas.

The final table included no former gold bracelet winners.

The runner-up was Luis Campelo, from Brazil. To date, only two Brazilians have won WSOP gold bracelets.

The top 324 finishers collected prize money.

The official WSOP gold bracelet ceremony takes place on the day following the winner's victory (or some hours later when the tournament end very late). The ceremony takes place inside Brasilia. The ceremony begins at the conclusion of the

first break of the noon tournament. The ceremony usually starts around 2:20 pm. The national anthem of the winner's nation is played. The entire presentation is open to public and media. Video and photography is permitted by both public and members of the media.

2012 WSOP STATISTICS

Through the conclusion of Event #54, the nationality of gold bracelet winners has been:

United States (42): Chip Saechao, Brent Hanks, Leif Force, Cory Zeidman, Andy Bloch, Herbert Tapscott, John Monnette, Brian Hastings, David "Doc" Arsht, Brandon Schaefer, Adam Friedman, Matt Matros, Andy Frankenberger, Phil Hellmuth, Cliff Goldkind, Ben Scholl, Randy Ohel, Joe Cassidy, Brian Meinders, Gabe Scott, Ylon Schwartz, Larry Wright, Allyn Jaffrey-Shulman, Carter Phillips, David "Bakes" Baker, Max Steinberg, Chris Tryba, David "ODB" Baker, Ronnie Bardah, Dung "Gomer" Nguyen, Greg Ostrander, Henry Lu, Joey Weissman, Michael "the Grinder" Mizrachi, Steven Loube, Kenny Hsiung, Greg Hobson, Pete Vilandos, Yen Dang, Vanessa Selbst, Jim Willerson, Will Jaffe

Canada (3): Ashkan Razavi, Simon Charette, Timothy Adams

France (1): Aubin Cazals

Bulgaria (1): Nick Jivkov

The Netherlands (1): Vincent van der Fluit

Belgium (1): Michael Gathy

Japan (1): Naoya Kihara

Great Britain (1): Craig McCorkell

Germany (1): Jan-Peter Jachtmann

Ukraine (1): Okelsii Kovalchuk

Italy (1): Rocco Palumbo

Through the conclusion of this tournament, the national origin (birthplace) of winners has been:

United States (38): Brent Hanks, Leif Force, Cory Zeidman, Andy Bloch, Herbert Tapscott, John Monnette, Brian Hastings, David "Doc" Arsht, Brandon Schaefer, Adam Friedman, Matt Matros, Andy Frankenberger, Phil Hellmuth, Cliff Goldkind, Ben Scholl, Randy Ohel, Joe Cassidy, Brian Meinders, Gabe Scott, Ylon Schwartz, Larry Wright, Allyn Jaffrey-Shulman, Carter Phillips, David "Bakes" Baker, Max Steinberg, Chris Tryba, David "ODB" Baker, Ronnie Bardah, Greg Ostrander, Henry Lu, Joey Weissman, Michael "the Grinder" Mizrachi, Steven Loube, Kenny Hsiung, Greg Hobson, Vanessa Selbst, Jim Willerson, Will Jaffe

Canada (2): Simon Charette, Timothy Adams

Vietnam (2): Dung "Gomer" Nguyen, Yen Dang

Thailand (1): Chip Saechao

Bulgaria (1): Nick Jivkov

France (1): Aubin Cazals

Iran (1): Ashkan Razavi

The Netherlands (1): Vincent van der Fluit

Belgium (1): Michael Gathy

Japan (1): Naoya Kihara

Great Britain (1): Craig McCorkell

Germany (1): Jan-Peter Jachtmann

Ukraine (1): Okelsii Kovalchuk

Italy (1): Rocco Palumbo

Greece (1): Pete Vilandos

Through the conclusion of this event, the home state of the 42 American winners has been:

Nevada (8): Brent Hanks, Andy Bloch, Randy Ohel, Joe Cassidy, Allyn Jaffrey-Shulman, Carter Phillips, David "Bakes" Baker, Chris Tryba

New York (7): Matt Matros, Andy Frankenberger, Greg Ostrander, Henry Lu, Joey Weissman, Vanessa Selbst, Will Jaffe

Texas (5): Ylon Schwartz, Larry Wright, David "ODB" Baker, Pete Vilandos, Jim Willerson

California (4): Chip Saechao, John Monnette, Phil Hellmuth, Max Steinberg

Pennsylvania (3): Brian Hastings, David "Doc" Arsht, Ben Scholl

Florida (3): Leif Force, Cory Zeidman, Michael "the Grinder" Mizrachi

Ohio (2): Adam Friedman, Kenny Hsiung

Alabama (1): Herbert Tapscott

Washington (1): Brandon Schaefer

Maryland (1): Cliff Goldkind

New Jersey (1): Brian Meinders

Oklahoma (1): Gabe Scott

Kansas (1): Dung "Gomer" Nguyen

Massachusetts (1): Ronnie Bardah

Georgia (1): Steven Loube

Alaska (1): Greg Hobson

Colorado (1): Yen Dang

Through the conclusion of this tournament, the breakdown of professional poker players to semi-pros and amateurs who won gold bracelets is as follows:

Professional Players (40): Brent Hanks, Leif Force, Andy Bloch, Aubin Cazals, John Monnette, Ashkan Razavi, Vincent van der Fluit, Brian Hastings, Brandon Schaefer, Adam Friedman, Matt Matros, Andy Frankenberger, Phil Hellmuth, Randy Ohel, Michael Gathy, Simon Charette, Joe Cassidy, Gabe Scott, Ylon Schwartz, Timothy Adams, Larry Wright, Carter Phillips, David "Bakes" Baker, Max Steinberg, Naoya Kihara, Chris Tryba, Craig McCorkell, David "ODB" Baker, Ronnie Bardah, Greg Ostrander, Okelsii Kovalchuk, Henry Lu, Rocco Palumbo, Joey Weissman, Michael "the Grinder" Mizrachi, Kenny Hsiung, Greg Hobson, Yen Dang, Vanessa Selbst, Will Jaffe

Semi-Pros (6): Cory Zeidman, Nick Jivkov, Brian Meinders, Allyn Jaffrey-Shulman, Jan-Peter Jachtman, Pete Vilandos

Amateurs (8): Chip Saechao, Herbert Tapscott, David "Doc" Arsht, Cliff Goldkind, Ben Scholl, Dung "Gomer" Nguyen, Steven Loube, Jim Willerson

Note: Various categories and statistics will be updated with each gold bracelet event as they are completed.

-- by Nolan Dalla

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