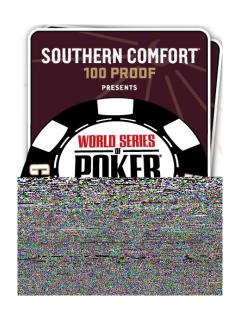
2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Nine IP Casino Resort and Spa Biloxi, Mississippi Event #5 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Buy-In \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 171

Prize Pool: \$51,300 August 12, 2012



ASHLY BUTLER FOLLOWS UP A WSOP FINAL TABLE APPEARANCE WITH A CIRCUIT WIN

2012 WSOP National Championship qualifier Christopher Conrad finishes third, overtakes Blake Barousse for the Casino Championship lead.

Biloxi, MS (August 13, 2012) — The second turbo event of the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof concluded early Monday morning in Biloxi, MS.

Ashly Butler outlasted the competition to score his first gold ring at IP Casino Resort and Spa.

He bested the likes of WSOP Circuit Main Event champion, Charles "Woody" Moore and WSOP National Championship qualifier, Christopher Conrad, to become poker's most recent victor.

Previously, Butler finished third in a \$1,500 Omaha Hi-Low Split-8 or Better tournament at the WSOP in Las Vegas and was awarded \$102,373.

"I'm very happy. It's very nice to win a ring. I ran really well and got lucky in a lot of spots," Butler said after the win.

The structures of the WSOP Circuit turbo events received a minor face-lift this off-season. The 30-minute levels have been dropped and tournaments now feature 20-minute levels throughout. It took just 12 hours for Butler to win Event #5.

"I think they're fun," Butler said of the turbo tournaments. "It's nice to not have to come back for a Day 2. Sometimes the faster structure attracts more people that can only come one day. Anything that attracts more people to poker is good for poker."

Butler is a 32-year-old semi-professional poker player who was born in Mobile, AL. He now resides in New Orleans, LA where he plays \$2/\$5 and \$5/\$10 no-limit and pot-limit cash games.

This was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at IP Biloxi. Officially listed as Event #5, the \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 171 entrants. The total prize pool came to \$51,300. The top eighteen finishers were paid. Butler was awarded