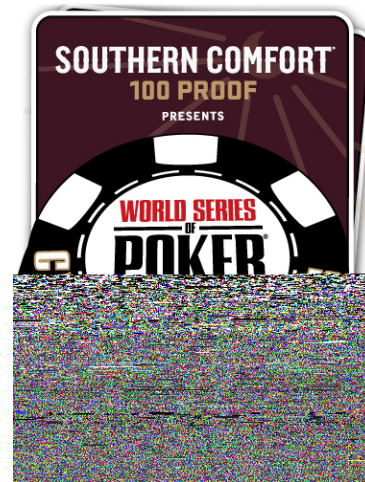


**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
IP Casino Resort and Spa
Biloxi, Mississippi
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 148
Prize Pool: \$44,400
August 15-16, 2012**



JONATHAN TAYLOR EMERGES VICTORIOUS IN EVENT #8 AT IP BILOXI

Ashley Butler narrowly misses becoming 2012-13's first two-time champion, overtakes Cory Wood in the Casino Champion's race.

Biloxi, MS (August 16, 2012) — The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit series presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof kept on rolling Thursday with the completion of Event #8, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament.

Jonathan Taylor of Phil Campbell, AL emerged as the champion after a final table that lasted just two hours and forty minutes.

"It took so long to bust the bubble yesterday that we came in here and the blinds were pretty high," Taylor said of the fast-paced final table. "Nobody had *that* many big blinds so I expected it to go pretty fast."

Taylor's journey to the winner's circle was not an easy one, though he sure made it seem that way. His heads-up battle with Event #5 champion and current Casino Champion's points leader, Ashley Butler, lasted less than ten hands and concluded with Taylor's ace jack besting Butler's ace six.

Butler took sole possession of the lead in the Casino Champion's race with his second place finish. The performance awarded him 37.5 points to be added to the 50 points he earned for his Event #5 win, giving him a total of 87.5 points. That puts him well in front of second place Cory Wood (67.5) with five events remaining.

The win marked Taylor's third-career cash at IP Casino Resort and Spa, second final table and first WSOP Circuit victory.

"I'm not really much of a tournament player," Taylor said, "But being affiliated with the WSOP and getting a ring is a great opportunity."

