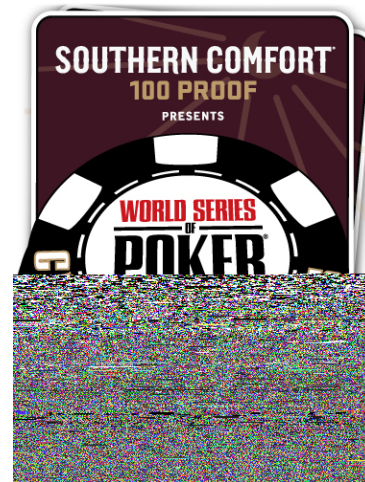


2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
IP Casino Resort and Spa
Biloxi, Mississippi
Event #12
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 84
Prize Pool: \$42,000
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BIG DADDY PENDER BRINGS HOME THE BACON

Joshua Pender wins Event #12 at IP Biloxi. Christopher Conrad unable to best Ashly Butler in Casino Champion's race.

Biloxi, MS (August 19, 2012) — With the Main Event final table as the backdrop, the twelfth and final ring event concluded at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS Monday morning.

The two tournaments played out simultaneously; the Main Event stopping when they reached six players and Event #12 playing to a champion. The winner was 27-year-old professional poker player Josh Pender.

The victory marked Pender's first and his fourteenth career in-the-money finish. Pender's WSOP career earnings stood at \$31,861 prior to his \$13,441 payday in Event #12.

Joining Pender in the late stages of play was professional poker player Christopher Conrad. Conrad would have overtaken the then-leader Ashly Butler in the Casino Champion's points race had he carded a third place finish or better, but he came up short, finishing fifth.

The finish marked Conrad's third cash of the 2012-13 series at IP Biloxi and his third final table. He will not be recognized as the Casino Champion, but his winning ways awarded him 75 points toward the 60 at-large seats to be awarded to the season-ending WSOP National Championship taking place in New Orleans in May.

The tournament's second-place finisher was William Benson. With two tables remaining Benson moved all-in holding pocket threes against the pocket nines of his opponent. The flop came J-9-8 and Benson was in need of what the poker world calls a "perfect, perfect," meaning he needed two perfect cards to win the hand. Well, you guessed it, the turn came three and the river came three, giving Benson quads and propelling him to the final table.

This was the last of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at IP Biloxi. Officially listed as Event #12, the \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 84 entries. The total prize pool came to \$42,000. The top nine finishers were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

