



44th Annual World Series of Poker
Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino Las Vegas, Nevada
Event 55
Poker Players Championship
Buy-In: \$50,000
Number of Entries: 132
Total Prize Pool: \$6,336,000
Number of Places Paid: 17* (there were dual eliminations on the money bubble, resulting in an extra player getting paid)
First Place Prize: \$1,774,089
June 30 – July 4, 2013

Matthew Ashton laid claim to the \$50,000 Poker Players Championship and the Chip Reese trophy early Friday morning following a grueling, 10-hour final table. The victory, which comes in one of the most prestigious World Series of Poker tournaments among professionals, marks Ashton's first gold bracelet and awarded him \$1,744,989. Additionally, Ashton took the lead in the World Series of Poker Player of the Year race from Daniel Negreanu.

At just 25 years old, Ashton has taken the 2013 WSOP by storm with each of his four cashes coming in the form of final table appearances. The victory sky rockets his career earnings at the WSOP from \$411,097 to almost \$2.2 million and marks the second gold bracelet win for the U.K. at the 2013 WSOP. It also marks the first time a non-American has ever won this high buy-in event.

This year's \$50,000 Poker Players Championship field was one of the biggest in several years with 132 players. The unexpected high turnout resulted in a prize pool of \$6,336,000 and two million dollar paydays for the first and second place finishers. That brings the total number of seven-figure paydays awarded at the 2013 WSOP to eight, keeping the distinct possibility alive that this WSOP will have more seven-figure paydays than any other in history.

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