

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

IP Casino Resort and Spa

Biloxi, Miss.

Event #8

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 143

Prize Pool: \$42,900

September 10-11, 2014



Daniel Lowery Heads Back to the Winner's Circle

Arkansas pro's money tree brings good fortune. Lowery scores \$12,014 in what marks his first win since early 2013.

Biloxi, Miss. (September 11, 2014) — Daniel Lowery returned to the winner's circle Thursday afternoon at IP Biloxi in Event 8, a \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament. The Arkansas pro outlasted 143 players to earn his second career gold ring along with \$12,014 in what marks his first victory since early 2013.

"I've been [at final tables] so many times – and that's not a brag, that's a needle to myself not. [I wasn't] getting past fifth or sixth place," a relieved Lowery said. "Even though I've [won a ring] and gotten over the hump, this seems like a really big deal to me today because I've been going through a lot."

Lowery, a three-time National Championship qualifier, had to leave 2014's season-ending event early due to his father's health. He and his wife Krista hopped a plane from Atlantic City and arrived home in time for Lowery to visit his father in the hospital.

"I rushed home and got to see him right before he passed," an emotional Lowery said.

After his father's passing, Lowery elected to take the summer off from the World Series of Poker and stayed in Arkansas to spend time with his family. As he and his family continued to grieve and grow together, they decided it was time to give the tournament circuit another shot.

"I went to a little tournament in Durant, [Okla.] and felt like I played really terrible. I never could get focused," Lowery said. "Then we went to Winstar and had a disappointing showing there. I was starting to second guess myself a little bit."

Lowery came to the IP in search of the success he experienced early his poker career, but it wouldn't come right away. By his own account, he lasted less than two hours combined in the first events he played. Then, in Event 8, he went on what he referred to as the 'biggest heater of his life'. Lowery sent player after player to the rail and claims to have held nearly 500,000 chips with less than three tables remaining. It wasn't long before he came back to reality with an average stack, but his determination never faltered.

