



**2013 World Series of Poker  
Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Official Report  
Event 62  
No-Limit Hold'em World Championship  
Buy-In: \$10,000  
Number of Entries: 6,352  
Total Net Prize Pool: \$59,714,169  
Number of Places Paid: 648  
First Place Prize: \$8,361,570  
July 6 through November 5, 2013**

**HEADLINES**

Ryan Riess Wins 2013 WSOP Main Event Championship

23-Year-Old Poker Pro from Michigan Shines Brightest on Poker's Biggest Annual Stage

American Captures Poker's World Championship for Second Straight Year

First Time's a Charm: Riess Wins the Main Event in his First Attempt

Riess Defeats Runner Up Jay Farber in Final Showdown

Early Final Table Chip Leader J.C. Tran Finishes Fifth

"I Was Inspired to Take Up Poker by Moneymaker," New Champ Declares

Two-Night Poker Championship Telecast Shown on ESPN

It's Now Official: Daniel Negreanu Wins 2013 WSOP Player of the Year – Becomes First to Win the Honor Twice

2013 WSOP Year Ends with a Bang – Numerous Records Shattered Over Course of 75-Bracelet Series Held Across Three Continents

## **OVERVIEW**

Back in July, once he made the final table as one of the famed November Nine Ryan Riess boldly declared he would win poker's World Championship.

Well, Riess certainly proved to be a man of his word after taking down the world's largest and most prestigious poker tournament held in Las Vegas, becoming the World Series of Poker Main Event Champion and the sport's reigning king, at least for a year.

The trend of crowning a young twenty-something poker professionals at the World Series of Poker (WSOP) continued as Riess outlasted a field of 6,352 players who each posted \$10,000 for the chance to win poker's biggest and most revered tournament at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

The event created \$59,714,169 in total prize money, with Riess taking home the first place share totaling \$8,361,570 and the richest personal trophy in all of sports – the \$500,000 custom-made WSOP gold bracelet designed by Jason of Beverly Hills.

Riess, who is originally from Waterford, MI and now resides in Las Vegas, becomes the sixth consecutive player under the age of 25 to capture poker's top crown. He also becomes the sixth consecutive poker professional to win the title.

This is the third time a player from Michigan has won the Main Event, the most recent being Joe Cada of Shelby Township, back in 2009. Poker Hall of Famer and Grand Rapids native Tom McEvoy was first to accomplish the feat back in 1983.

Poker is only small part of Riess' personal and professional life. He graduated with a business degree from Michigan State last December and burst onto the poker scene for the first time just one year ago, in October 2012. Remarkably, he finished runner-up in the WSOP Circuit Main Event at Horseshoe Hammond in Indiana, winning \$239,063 after being coaxed to participate by a friend. It was Riess' first-ever live poker tournament.

This marked Riess' first-time to ever play in the WSOP Main Event.

"This is a dream come true," said Riess after his impressive victory. "Ever since I saw Chris Moneymaker win this event in 2003 I knew it was something I wanted to experience too. I'm surprised it came so quickly."

The 2013 Main Event started in July. As has been the custom in the past six years, play was

suspended when the tournament reached its final table comprised of nine participants. Play finally resumed Monday afternoon; and, after more than eight hours of competition the field of nine remaining players was narrowed to two: Jay Farber, age 29, of Las Vegas, an amateur poker player and VIP nightclub host; and Riess, age 23, of East Lansing, MI.

Heads-up play began Tuesday evening and lasted more than three hours and 91 hands before Riess was crowned as the new champion. Farber was eliminated in second place, winning \$5,174,357.

Rounding out the final table and their finishes were:

3rd place: Amir Lehavot, 38, of Weston, Fla., \$3,727,823  
4th place: Sylvain Loosli, 26, of Toulon, France, \$2,792,533  
5th place: J.C. Tran, 36, of Sacramento, Calif., \$2,106,893  
6th place: Marc-Etienne McLaughlin, 25, of Brossard, Quebec, Canada, \$1,601,024  
7th place: Michiel Brummelhuis, 32, Amsterdam, Netherlands, \$1,225,356  
8th place: David Benefield, 27, of New York City, NY, \$944,650  
9th place: Mark Newhouse, 28, of Los Angeles, Calif., \$733,224

A total of 648 players cashed in this year's WSOP Main Event. Players from 83 different nations and ages ranging from 21 years old to 92 years old competed in the WSOP Main Event, including dozens of celebrities from the sports and entertainment world. But Riess was able to outlast all 6,351 of them, despite his first-ever attempt in this event.

Riess now has \$8,658,488 in career WSOP earnings, which moves him into tenth place on the WSOP all-time money list.

Tuesday's WSOP action was carried with a 15-minute delay on ESPN; Monday's play was covered with a 15-minute delay on ESPN2 (Note: The delay is requirement imposed by state gaming regulations to protect the integrity of play).

Overall, the 2013 WSOP attracted a record 79,471 participants in a total of 62 events, generating a prize pool of more than \$197 million. Participants in WSOP events hailed from 107 countries in 2013.

## **THE WINNER – RYAN RIESS**

The winner of \$10,000 buy-in WSOP Main Event Championship was Ryan Riess, originally from Waterford, MI (USA). He now lives in Las Vegas.

Riess is a 23-year-old professional poker player. He has been playing since he was 14-years-old.

Reiss has one brother and one sister.

Riess graduated from Michigan State University in 2012. He earned a bachelor's degree in business.

Prior to this win, Riess had three WSOP cashes worth \$30,569. He has 10 WSOP Circuit cashes worth \$266,349. Much of that came from a second-place finish in the WSOP Circuit Main Event, held at Horseshoe Hammond in 2012, which was his first major poker achievement.

Riess is a huge sports fan. His favorite team is the NFL's Detroit Lions. Riess wore a Lions jersey both nights at the final table. He chose to wear number 81, the jersey of star wide receiver Calvin Johnson.

Riess' victory represents yet another win for young players. With his victory, the last six World Champions were aged 23, 24, 23, 21, 21, and 22 at the time of their victories.

Riess collected \$8,361,570 in prize money. He was also presented with the game's most coveted prize -- the custom-designed WSOP gold and diamond bracelet made by the famous jeweler, Jason of Beverly Hills, who custom-designed the memento.

As the WSOP Main Event Champion, Riess achieves instant fame, fortune and immortality. He is now universally acknowledged as the reigning World Champion.

## **WINNER QUOTES**

So what does it feel like to be the World Champion?

"I was so excited waiting the 100 days to play. I'm almost speechless. I'm just so happy that all my friends and family could come out and watch me and support me. It's just such an amazing feeling."

You just won \$8.3 million. What do you expect to do with the cash?

"I don't know. Probably put it in the bank. I really have no plans about what I want to buy. I already have a nice car. I don't know -- we'll see."

You seemed to be having a great time at the table on both days. Was this because the cards were falling well, or were you really enjoying your experience?

"I was having a great time. I mean the cards helped, too. I love playing poker. It's one of my favorite things to do, so I like to have a good time at the table."

You had Jay Farber all-in once, and he caught a straight, which doubled him up. Were you worried at that point the momentum might be shifting?

"No, not really. I still thought I could chip away at him and grind him back down to ten big blinds, which is where he was at. But obviously I wish I would have sealed the deal then. I wasn't too worried."

Your parents were both here watching. What did they say to you about this experience?

"They just told me how proud of me that they are, and that they love me. It's awesome."

You came into this final table with a lot of confidence. Where did that come from and how did you use that to your advantage?

“I have been dreaming about this for a long time, ever since I was 14, and saw (Chris) Moneymaker win. I just had a great feeling about this. I know the table was tough. Some were saying this was one of the toughest tables there was, but I was extremely fortunate to catch some cards at the right moments. I just had a good feeling about it all.”

Last year, Greg Merson wore a sports jersey. This year, you followed in those footsteps. Why did you elect to wear Calvin Johnson's jersey?

“He's the best wide receiver of all-time in my opinion. I'm from Detroit. I'm a huge Lions fan.”

You previously played on the WSOP Circuit. How did that training ground help you, if any, here in the Main Event?

“It definitely helped me. After coming in second in a Circuit event, my goal was to improve and get better, and that's what happened....The Circuit is a lot harder than people think. A lot of people who play the Circuit crushed it this year at the Series this summer, winning multiple gold bracelets. I think it's a great way for people who don't have \$10,000 to just go play. Instead, you can take a few thousand to a Circuit event and play a lot of tournaments and test your skills.”

From this point forward, your name and face will be on the wall, up on banners next to all the poker greats who have won the championship. How do you feel about becoming an ambassador for the game?

“I'm extremely excited. I never thought this would happen. I'm excited for what the future holds for poker.”

## **THE FINAL TABLE**

For the purposes of WSOP records and results, the official final table was comprised of the final nine players

Since 2008, due to the altered format of playing the final table during the fall following the summer playing sessions, the finalists have been referred to as the “November Nine.

Each of the players who made it to the final table was guaranteed \$733,224 in prize money. All players were paid that sum in full when play was suspended for the recess. Seven of the top nine finishers become instant millionaires, since the seventh-place finisher was guaranteed to collect \$1,225,356 in prize money.

The final table included two gold bracelet winners – Amir Lehavot and J.C. Tran. This is the second straight year that finale included two players with WSOP victories. Last year, Steve Gee and eventual winner Greg Merson came to the final table with bracelets to their credit.

International players were well represented amongst the final nine. This year's collection of finalists came from five different countries – Canada, France, Israel, The Netherlands, and the United States.

When final table play began, the players and chip counts were as follows:

Seat 1: Sylvain Loosli (London, England/Toulon, France) – 19,600,000 in chips  
Seat 2: Michiel Brummelhuis (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) – 11,275,000 in chips  
Seat 3: Mark Newhouse (Los Angeles, CA/Chapel Hill, NC) – 7,350,000 in chips  
Seat 4: Ryan Riess (Las Vegas, NV/East Lansing, MI) – 25,875,000 in chips  
Seat 5: Amir Lehavot (Weston, FL/Tel Aviv, Israel) – 28,725,000 in chips  
Seat 6: Marc-Etienne McLaughlin (Brossard, Quebec-Canada) – 26,525,000 in chips  
Seat 7: J.C. Tran (Sacramento, CA) – 38,000,000 in chips  
Seat 8: David Benefield (New York, NY/Ft. Worth TX) – 6,375,000 in chips  
Seat 9: Jay Farber (Las Vegas/Santa Barbara, CA) – 25,975,000 in chips

Six of the nine finalists were aged in their 20s. Ages of final table players were – 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 36, and 38. The youngest player was Ryan Riess. The oldest player was Amir Lehavot.

Heads-up play lasted almost four hours and 91 hands

At one point during heads-up play, the two players were within a single 25,000 chip of each other, despite about 192,000,000 in tournament chips in play.

Jay Farber, from Las Vegas, NV finished as the runner-up. The 26-year-old professional poker player earned a consolation prize amounting to \$5,174,357 in prize money.

The final hand took place when Riess had an overwhelming 17 to 1 chip lead. He was dealt A-K of hearts versus Farber's Q-5 of spades. Ace-high ended up as the winning hand to a final board which showed J-T-4-3-4.

Amir Lehavot's third-place finish was the highest ever for any player originally from Israel.

Michiel Brummelhuis' seventh-place finish was the highest ever for any player from The Netherlands.

Final table play began at 4:49 pm on Monday. The first session ended at 2:15 am (no dinner break). Tuesday's session began at 5:49 pm. Play ended at 10 pm. The total duration (both playing sessions combined) was just short of 13 hours and totaled 262 hands. By contrast, last year's finale ran 19 hours and 34 minutes. The previous year clocked in at 16 hours, and 6 minutes.

J.C. Tran's fifth-place finish marked the first time in five years that the early chip leader did not finish in either first or second place.

#### **MORE HISTORICAL INFORMATION:**

This is the sixth straight year of the November Nine concept. Prior to 2008, all Main Event

final tables were played as a continuum tied to the bulk of the Main Event. However, starting in 2008, WSOP officials decided to delay the play of the final table and postpone the conclusion until November. For this reason, the Main Event finalists are customarily known as the November Nine.

While the decision to delay the conclusion of the Main Event was initially controversial, most players and fans have come to accept and support the change. This year, the delay was particularly helpful to players, since the vast majority resided outside of the host city of Las Vegas. The 110-day hiatus allowed players to gather and bring their supporters to Las Vegas for what was to be one of the most exciting days of their lives.

The actual payouts for the top nine finishers were slightly higher than the initial announced prizes. This was due to the excess funds (unpaid prize money) of \$20,063,050 being placed in a money market account at Fidelity Investments.

The Main Event Championship final table has been played at multiple locations, including:

1970-1986 – Binion’s Horseshoe (original east side)

1987-1996 – Binion’s Horseshoe (newer west side – formally The Mint)

1997 – Fremont Street (under giant outside canopy)

1998 -- Binion’s Horseshoe (newer west side – formally The Mint)

1999-2005 – Binion’s Horseshoe (Benny’s Bullpen – second floor ballroom)

2006-2007 – Rio Las Vegas (Amazon Room)

2008-present – Rio Las Vegas (Penn and Teller Theatre)

## **PAST WORLD CHAMPIONS**

There are now 38 different players who have won the WSOP Main Event Championship. Of this number, 28 past champions are still living. Of these, 19 played in the 2013 Main Event.

Only a few pastchampions cashed this year. Carlos Mortensen was by far the highest finisher (10<sup>th</sup>), followed by Doyle Brunson (409<sup>th</sup>):

1975/1976: Doyle Brunson

1983: Tom McEvoy

1986: Berry Johnston

1987/1988: Johnny Chan

1989: Phil Hellmuth

1995: Dan Harrington

1996: Huck Seed

1998: Scotty Nguyen

2001: Carlos Mortensen

2002: Robert Varkonyi

2003: Chris Moneymaker

2004: Greg “Fossilman” Raymer

2005: Joe Hachem

2006: Jamie Gold

2007: Jerry Yang

2009: Joe Cada  
2010: Jonathan Duhamel  
2011: Pius Heinz  
2012: Greg Merson

## **CELEBRITIES AND OTHER NOTABLES**

The World Series of Poker attracted the world's most accomplished players. This year was no exception:

Poker Hall of Fame Inductees (Who Participated This Year):

Doyle Brunson  
Lyle Berman  
Berry Johnston  
T.J. Cloutier  
Mike Sexton  
Johnny Chan  
Dewey Tomko  
Erik Seidel  
Dan Harrington  
Barry Greenstein

WSOP Players of the Year (Who Participated This Year):

2004: Daniel Negreanu  
2005: Allen Cunningham  
2006: Jeff Madsen  
2007: Tom Schneider  
2008: Erick Lindgren  
2009: Jeffrey Lisandro  
2010: Frank Kassela  
2011: Ben Lamb  
2012: Greg Merson  
2013: Daniel Negreanu

## **MAIN EVENT NUMBERS**

The Main Event attracted 6,352 entries.

The top 648 finishers collected prize money.

Finishing on the bubble in 649<sup>th</sup> place was three-time gold bracelet winner Farzad Bonyadi.

Every WSOP held over the past 13 years has included at least one multiple gold bracelet winner (meaning two or more wins within the same year). The last year the WSOP was comprised exclusively of single-event winners was back in 1999. The record for most multiple gold bracelet winners within a single year was in 2009, when five players managed to



win two or more titles. This year, there were two players who won multiple bracelets, Tom Schneider and 2013 WSOP Player of the Year Daniel Negreanu.

Reigning World Champions rarely perform well the following year after their victory. Chris Ferguson was the last World Champion to win a gold bracelet the year after winning, which happened in 2001. Perhaps it's due to the increasing size of the fields. But there's also great pressure on champions to do well – along with many distractions. What follows is a list of the seven World Champions to win a gold bracelet after winning their championships during the previous year:

Johnny Moss (1975)  
Doyle Brunson (1977)  
Bobby Baldwin (1979)  
Stu Ungar (1981)  
Johnny Chan (1988)  
Hamid Dastmalchi (1993)  
Chris Ferguson (2001)

## **WOMEN IN THE MAIN EVENT**

Special Note: The WSOP recognizes that player characteristics such as gender, race, etc., do not typically warrant special mention. However, since many members of the media and public wish to know details about female participation, this information is made available.

The highest-finishing female in this year's Main Event was Jackie Glazier, from Australia. She finished in 31<sup>st</sup> place.

Here are the highest-female finishers (by year) in the WSOP Main Event (Note: Only players who finished in-the-money were recorded):

No female cashed in the Main Event between the years 1970-1985.

1986 – Wendeen Eolis (25th)

1987 – None

1988 – None

1989 – None

1990 – None

1991 – None

1992 – None

1993 – Marsha Waggoner (19th)

1994 – Barbara Samuelson (10th)

1995 – Barbara Enright (5th)

1996 – Lucy Rokach (26th)

1997 – Marsha Waggoner (12th)

1998 – Susie Isaacs (10th)

1999 – None

2000 – Annie Duke (10th)

2001 – None

2002 – None

2003 – Annie Duke (47th)

2004 – Rose Richie (98th)  
2005 – Tiffany Williamson (15th)  
2006 – Sabyl Cohen-Landrum (56th)  
2007 – Maria Ho (38th)  
2008 – Tiffany Michelle (17th)  
2009 – Leo Margets, a.k.a. Leonor Margets (27th)  
2010 – Breeze Zuckerman (121st)  
2011 – Erika Moutinho (29th)  
2012 – Gaelle Baumann (10<sup>th</sup>)  
2013 – Jackie Glazier (31<sup>st</sup>)

## **MORE TOURNAMENT NUMBERS**

This was the eighth-largest live poker tournament in history. They rank as follows:

2006 WSOP Main Event – 8,773 players  
2010 WSOP Main Event – 7,319 players  
2011 WSOP Main Event – 6,865 players  
2008 WSOP Main Event – 6,844 players  
2012 WSOP Main Event – 6,598 players  
2009 WSOP Main Event – 6,494 players  
2007 WSOP Main Event – 6,358 players  
2013 WSOP Main Event – 6,352 players

This is the 1,104th gold bracelet to be awarded in WSOP history.

This was officially classified as WSOP schedule Event #62, since it's the sixty-second gold bracelet of 62 awarded from the summer events held in Las Vegas.

## **WSOP MAIN EVENT ALL-TIME RECORDS**

Most Main Event Wins (Career):

3 – Johnny Moss (first win was by a vote)  
3 – Stu Ungar  
2 – Doyle Brunson  
2 – Johnny Chan

Most Main Event Cashes (Career):

10 – Berry Johnston  
8 – Humberto Brenes  
8 – Doyle Brunson  
7 – Bobby Baldwin  
7 – Jay Heimowitz  
7 – Phil Hellmuth  
7 – Mike Sexton  
7 – Chris Bjorin  
7 – John Esposito

6 – John Bonetti  
6 – Johnny Moss  
6 – Jason Lester  
6 – Steve Lott  
6 – Johnny Chan  
5 – 17 players tied with 5 cashes each

Most Main Event Final Tables (Career):

5 – Doyle Brunson  
5 – Jesse Alto  
4 – Johnny Chan  
4 – T.J. Cloutier  
4 – Dan Harrington  
4 – Berry Johnston  
4 – Johnny Moss  
4 – Stu Ungar  
3 – 6 players tied with 3 final tables each

Most Consecutive Cashes in Main Event:

4 -- Chris Bjorin (2008 – 2011)  
4 -- Diogo Borges (2008 – 2011)  
4 – Theodore Park (2005 – 2008)  
4 – Bo Sehlstedt (2004 – 2007)  
4 – Robert Turner (1991 – 1994)

Youngest Winner:

Joe Cada (2009) -- 21 years, 11 months, 22 days

Oldest Winner:

Johnny Moss (1974) – 66 years, 11 months, 24 days

Most Consecutive Years Played at WSOP (entered at least one gold bracelet event):

39 – Howard “Tahoe” Andrew (1974 to present)

Most Consecutive Main Events Played (Career):

31 – Tom McEvoy (1983 to present)

Most Total Main Events Played (Career):

41 – Doyle Brunson (did not play years 1999 through 2001)

*All results are now official and may be reprinted by media.*

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