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Letter From the Publisher

MSPT WORKING TO EXPAND YOUTUBE AND VIDEO PRESENCE

BY BRYAN MILESKI

You may have noticed during our first Main Event of Season 11 at JACK Cleveland Casino the MSPT team was pumping out some fun, exciting videos focused on highlighting players, the action and the casino throughout the weekend. I was really excited about how great these turned out!

We have some fun ideas to expand on these videos going forward and to increase our presence in this realm. There were at least 9-10 videos created the first weekend so check out our YouTube channel (YouTube.com/MSPTPoker), let us know via Twitter (@mptpoker) which videos you liked the most.

By the time you read this in MSPT host card rooms, we will likely have just completed our second Main Event of Season 11 at The Venetian Las Vegas where there will be several more videos available to watch, including a final table hype video. We also hope to pump out a recap video of each event just a few days after, the JACK Cleveland Casino recap video should be available by now as well.

We will store all these great videos on YouTube so be sure to subscribe to our channel so you get notified when a new video is posted. For the fans, we're working on some additional exciting features to be announced at a later date. We'll also flow these videos through Twitter and Facebook so "follow" & "like" MSPTPoker on those Socials. The Patrick Steele Hall of Fame interview received over 3,000 views during the first forty-eight hours on just the Twitter platform alone which is awesome!

Best wishes to all of you on the felt in Season 11!





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\$300,000 GUARANTEED MID-STATES POKER TOUR

February 21 - 23

\$1,100 MAIN EVENT OPTIONAL \$10 STAFF APPRECIATION ADD-ON

MULTIPLE DAY-1 FLIGHTS:

- Day 1A 3 p.m. Friday, February 21
- Day 1B 3 p.m. Saturday, February 22
- Day 2 11 a.m. Sunday, February 23

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April 24-26

Event Preview

MSPT RETURNS TO CANTERBURY PARK FEBRUARY 21-23 FOR A \$300K GTD MAIN EVENT

BY MSPT STAFF

he first of five MSPT events at Canterbury Park in Season 11 will happen February 21-23. The venue, which requires players be 18 years or older, will host a series of \$65 and \$250 satellites in the weeks leading up to it beginning Thursday, February 6. The complete schedule is posted on msptpoker.com.

The \$300,000 Guaranteed Main Event will offer two starting flights beginning with Day 1A at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 playing 15 levels. Day 1B will take place at the same time on Saturday, Feb. 22 and also play 15 levels. The surviving players from each flight will then return at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23 to play down to a winner.

Last February's \$1,100 Main Event at Canterbury Park saw 479 entrants take to the felt in search of a \$99,573 first place prize. After two days of play, it was Bemidji's Matt Kirby that recorded the victory, earning his record tying third MSPT Main Event title, tying him with Carl Carodenuto and Blake Bohn for the most Main Event titles in tour history!

Most recently in December at Canterbury Park, the Season 10 Finale cruised by its \$500K guarantee by attracting 802 entries, and after a long Day 2, it was Anthony Dunne coming out on top to capture a \$155,288 first-place prize. Dunne, who doesn't have any other documented tournament cashes on Hendon Mob, defeated a tough final table that included three former MSPT champs, two of which were also former Players of the Year. Still, Dunne outlasted them all to claim the title and six-figure score.

Other MSPT Canterbury champs from the past include Michael Esquivel (September 2019 for \$98,113), Mark Jaroslawski (April 2019 for \$95,700), Matt Kirby (February 2019 for \$99,573), Blake Bohn (September 2018 for \$94,568), Rob Wazwaz (April 2018 for \$109,375), Mark Collins (February 2018 for \$102,076), Carl Carodenuto (April 2016 for \$90,805 and December 2015 for \$116,103), Dan "DQ" Hendrickson (April 2015 for \$106,182), Mike Wilmes (April 2014 for \$108,984), Adam Younis (April 2013 for \$95,328), and inaugural champ John Dragich (2009 for \$34,765).

Lodging: The MSPT has partnered with several local hotels to offer players the best rates possible. There are rooms available for as low as \$39/night. You can find deals with six nearby hotels at msptpoker.com. Just click "More Info" next to your desired event, then "Hotel Information".

Recently, Canterbury Park renovated their card room, gaming pits, restaurant options and entrance to the Track Level. In addition Canterbury unveiled a \$400-million redevelop-



Matt Kirby

ment plan that would facilitate the development of restaurants, hotels, entertainment, offices, medical, retail and commercial recreational uses. Plans include an extended-stay hotel, boutique hotel, hotel and water park, an office space, new restaurants, specialty options, family entertainment venues and more. The live part includes a luxury apartment complex, upscale townhomes and a senior housing co-op. The vision for the redevelopment is a place to "live, stay, work, play."

Canterbury Park Racetrack and Card Casino is Minnesota's only thoroughbred and quarter horse racing facility. There is also year-round wagering on simulcast horse racing and hosts a variety of other entertainment and special events at its facility.





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Event Preview

GRAND FALLS CASINO TO HOST MSPT REGIONAL SERIES EVENT 35 MARCH 4-8

BY MSPT STAFF

he MSPT is headed back to Grand Falls Casino in Larchwood, Iowa, located just outside Sioux Falls, South Dakota! From March 4-8, Grand Falls Casino will play host to Regional Series Event 35 that will culminate with a \$360 buy-in, \$50,000 GTD Main Event (March 5-8).

Once again the MSPT and Grand Falls Casino are adding some flavor by kicking the series off with a \$250 Tag Team tournament on Wednesday, March 4 followed by a MSPT \$125 Seniors Championship (50+) on Thursday, March 5 at 10 a.m. and a \$125 Turbo Deepstack where players will begin with 25,000 chips on Friday, March 6 at 10 a.m. A series of \$80 satellites that feed into the \$360 Regional Event will begin running February 19.

The \$360 Regional Main Event will feature three starting flights beginning with Day 1A & Day 1B at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6. Day 1C will take place Saturday, March 7 at 2:30 p.m. All three days will play 15 levels. The surviving players from each flight will return 12 p.m. on Sunday, March 8 to play down to a winner.

The \$360 MSPT Grand Falls Regional Event last season attracted 339 entries and saw Eric Atchison earn the win and \$22,457. In 2018 it was Minnesota's Aaron Johnson (the MSPT Season 9 Player of the Year) who came out on top to win \$21,268 after a heads-up deal with Matthew Breck, who locked up \$17,500. In 2017, it was Travis Gant of Geddes, SD who bested a 426-runner field to take home \$29,782.

Recently, Grand Falls Casino opened ELITE Sportsbook which allows customers the excitement of sports wagering on a secure platform. Whether you are betting in their on-site sportsbook, online or mobile, you will always be in the game with ELITE Sportsbook.

Inspired by the lavish casino resorts of Las Vegas, Grand Falls sets a new standard of entertainment and fun for the Sioux Falls, South Dakota region. The resort's world-class golf course – which is open now – is constructed on 155 acres of rolling terrain directly adjacent to the casino. Inside the casino, players will find more than 750 slots machines, 27 gaming tables including blackjack, craps and roulette, and an eight-table poker room.

We've worked out a special MSPT Rate at the high-end Grand Falls Casino Hotel. Thursday, March 6 is \$99.95, while





Eric Atchison



Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 are \$159.95. Call 712-777-7777 to book now. To view the complete event schedule check out msptpoker.com.

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Event Recap

ERASMUS MORFE TAKES DOWN MSPT GOLDEN GATES \$360 REGIONAL FOR \$53,048 AFTER HEADS-UP DEAL

BY MSPT STAFF

he first Regional Event of 2020 for the MSPT set the bar high with 1,087 entries over four days, a Colorado state poker record, and 138 players found their way into Day 2 Sunday with their eyes set on the title.

However, only one person could claim the trophy and that person was Erasmus Morfe, who finished 19th in the 2015 World Series of Poker Main Event. Morfe found his way into Day 2 on the final flight of the tournament after bagging a stack of 208,000. From there, he cruised through most of the final day without any big swings in either direction.

When the final three tables were reached, Morfe had a stack of 590,000, which was just under 12 big blinds. He wound up getting as low as two big blinds during the final two tables before finding a few doubles to enter the final table in the middle of the pack.

Day 2 Action

It took around an hour of play before the 138 remaining players became 117

when Ian Glycenfer and Cher Herr split the 117th-place prize after being eliminated from the tournament on the same hand on the bubble. Once the bubble burst players responded accordingly with chips flying all over the room throughout the afternoon.

Players dropped at a furious pace as players like Chris Tryba (91st place), Sammy Aweida (89th place), Day 1c chip leader Nader Wahdan (60th place), Schuyler Thornton (46th pace), and Kevin Eyster (43rd place) found themselves out of chips.

Day 1a and overall Day 1 chip leader Luis Rosa (19th place) started hot out of the gate, taking 641,000 up to over 1 million before the money was reached. He remained one of the largest stacks in the room as play continued, with Day 1b chip leader Abhinav Parakh (16th place), Behrouz Keshtavar (11th place), and eventual runner-up Alex Kotliarsky also among the largest stacks in the room.



Erasmus Morfe.

Noel Diaz then stole the spotlight for some time. He took a stack of 1.3 million when 27 remained up to 9.26 million by the time the final table was reached. Diaz enjoyed a heater that saw him score a quick double and prior to knocking out several players, constantly turning up with big hands and watching them hold.

However, the tides turned when the final table was reached. Diaz saw Wayne Lee play back at him for a sizeable pot that didn't make it past the turn and then doubled Stuart Brown on the very next hand. Less than a level later, Kotliarsky was the one threatening for and eventually overtaking the chip lead as Diaz continued his downward trajectory.

As for eliminations, Neil Warren and Phil Gioia entered the final table short and were the first two to go. Gioia found a double, but it would not be enough as he lost a coin flip with ace-king to Kotliarsky's pocket nines to bust. The pot gave Kotliarsky the chip lead and he would hold it until heads-up

Golden Gates Casino

play after further expanding that hand just moments later when his pocket aces held versus Eddy Konarske's openended straight draw after chips got in on the turn.

Levels continued to escalate and all of a sudden Diaz found himself as the shortest stack of the tournament with six left. He made his departure shortly thereafter when Kotliarsky knocked him out, and play went on from there for another full level before Benjamin Guzman got short and eventually also fell to Kotliarsky. A few minutes later, the short-stacked Stuart Brown became the next to fall after his ace-three couldn't hold against Morfe's jack-ten suited.

It wasn't long after that before Lee bowed out in third place after getting his last seven big blinds in on the flop and losing to Morfe, who called with an open-ended straight flush draw that filled up to the nuts to take the tournament into heads-up play. Kotliarsky had a slight chip lead over Morfe and the two agreed to modify the payouts so that both players could lock up \$43,000.

From there, the heads-up match lasted no more than 15 minutes with Morfe taking the chip lead before the two got stacks all in preflop with Morfe's ace-ten suited holding up against Kotliarsky's ace-five offsuit to earn him the MSPT tro-

Golden Gates Casino
Buy-in: \$360 ♣ 1,087 Entrants

Place	Name	City, State	Prize
1	Erasmus Morfe	Highlands Ranch, CO	\$53,048
2	Alex Kotliarsky	Glendale, CO	\$43,000
3	Wayne Lee	Centennial, CO	\$27,099
4	Stuart Brown	Denver, CO	\$20,577
5	Benjamine Guzman	Northglenn, CO	\$15,237
6	Noel Diaz	Aurora, CO	\$11,740
7	Eddy Konarske	Denver, CO	\$9,131
8	Phil Gioia	Wheatridge, CO	\$7,174
9	Neil Warren	Aurora, CO	\$5,870
10	Ethan Lehrburger	Northglenn, CO	\$4,565

phy and payday good for \$53,048.

The MSPT will return to Golden Gates for a \$1,100 Main Event April 13-19.



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MSPT TOP 10 FINISHES

Leaders as of January 20, 2020

Rank	Player Name	Cashes
1	Richard Alsup	12
2	Kou Vang	10
3	Blake Bohn	9
	Rob WazWaz	9
5	Aaron Johnson	8
	Jeremy Dresch	8
	Everett Carlton	8
8	Joe Matheson	7
	Adam Friedman	7
	DJ Buckley	7
11	Matt Kirby	8 7 7 7 6 6
	Dennis Stevermer	6
	Mark Sandness	6
	Dan DQ Hendrickson	6
	Peixin Liu	6
	Nicholas Pupillo	6
17	Patrick Steele	5
	Josh Reichard	5
	Alex Winter	5
	Jason Bender	66555555555544
	Ben Keeline	5
	Steve Anderson (MI)	5
	Matt Alexander	5
	Ryan Hartmann	5
	David Gonia	5
	Mark Hodge	5
	Jason Seitz	5
	Brett Kuznia	5
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	Reg Powell	4
	Aaron Massey	4
	John Sun	4
	Kenneth Baime	4
	Jon Hanner	4
	Tom Hammers	4
	Sam DeSilva	4
	Brian Soja	4
	Jason Zarlenga	4
	Osama Aweida	4
	John Reading	4
	Ben Marsh	4
	Richard Bai	4
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Rich Alsup - Minneapolis, MN

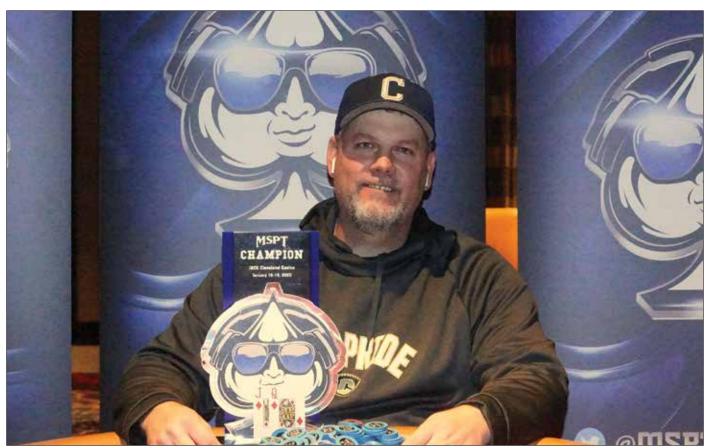


Kou Vang - Maplewood, MN

Event Recap

PAT STEELE WINS 2020 MSPT CLEVELAND POKER OPEN AT JACK CLEVELAND CASINO FOR \$124,461; MAKES MSPT HALL OF FAME

BY MSPT STAFF



Patrick Steele

was a big day for Michigan's Pat Steele, the MSPT Season 4 Player of the Year. In the first MSPT Main Event of Season 11, he became just the fifth person to earn a spot in the MSPT Hall of Fame thanks to notching 25 career MSPT Main Event cashes to go along with his POY title.

Not content to stop there, Steele topped the 611-entry field to win the 2020 Cleveland Poker Open \$1,100 Main Event title at JACK Cleveland Casino, which was good for a \$124,461 top prize.

Steele talked about his historic night after his win: "Words can't describe it, but to do two things in one night, finally get a win on the MSPT, it's pretty awesome. To be involved with

the great Hall of Famers, it's cool to be a part of both of those groups."

Final Day Action

The final day of the Main Event saw 90 players return for Day 2. Some notables that were able to cash by finishing in the top 63 included defending champ Adam Friedman (16th), Karam Dhillon (21st), Chris Moon (26th) and Bobby Noel (46th).

Lydia Waltonbaugh was the first to exit the final table when she moved all in with ace-jack and could not improve against Jeff Mirelli, who held kings.

JACK Cleveland Casino

Ryan Rebman and Mark Wahba were next to exit the final table when Dan Pechnik held ace-king on an ace-high board and eliminated both of them on the same hand.

Doc Love also fell victim to Pechnik when his ace-eight couldn't improve against Pechnik's queens.

Mirelli was next to bust in fifth place when he flopped trip kings and ran into Steele's full house.

DJ Swartz had Pechnik dominated when they got the money in preflop. Penchnik was unable to hit one of his three outs and went home in fourth place.

Three-handed action lasted over two hours until a blind-versus-blind cooler saw Swartz's pocket kings get cracked by the ace-queen of Steele to send him out the door in third place.

Heads-Up Play

Steele held the chip lead for the entirety of the heads-up match that lasted roughly 90 minutes. Steele and Ronnie Dowdy played a lot of small pots that saw Steele grind Dowdy down to a push or fold stack. Steele had a chance to lock up the title early when he shoved eight nine suited against Dowdy's king-jack. Steele flopped top pair and turned two pairs, but Dowdy rivered a flush to keep the heads-up match going.

In the final hand, Steele had Dowdy dominated but found

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Place	Name	City, State	Prize
1	Patrick Steele	Chelsea, MI	\$124,461
2	Ronnie Dowdy	Atlanta, GA	\$76,455
3	Daniel Swartz	Cleveland, OH	\$55,711
4	Daniel Petchnik	Parma Heights, OH	\$41,487
5	Jeff Mirelli	Akron, OH	\$31,412
6	Imari Love	Ann Arbor, MI	\$23,707
7	Mark Wahba	Cleveland, OH	\$18,373
8	Ryan Rebman	Amherst, OH	\$14,224
9	Lydia Waltonbaugh	Pittsburgh, PA	\$11,261
10	Ray Ezzie	Beachwood, OH	\$8,890

himself behind after the flop. Steele was able to improve to a pair of his own on the turn and found a brick on the river to make him the 2020 MSPT Cleveland Poker Open champion.

Season 11 of the MSPT continues January 29-February 4 at The Venetian in Las Vegas for the \$1,100 buy-in, \$1,000,000 guaranteed Poker Bowl IV.



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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Season 11 Standings as of January 20

Rank	Player Name	Points
1	Patrick Steele	1,700
2	Ronnie Dowdy	1,500
3	Daniel Swartz	1,400
4 5 6	Daniel Petchnik	1,300
5	Jeff Mirelli	1,200
6	Imari Love	1,100
7	Mark Wahba	1,000
8	Ryan Rebman	900
9	Lydia Waltonbaugh	800
10	Michael Pempin	700
	Ray Ezzie	700
	Methodios Malekas	700
13	Daniel Wagner	600
	Joseph Patrick, IV	600
	Jonathan Love	600
16	Erasmus Morfe	567
	Alex Kotliarsky	567
18	Wayne Lee	533
19	Adam Friedman	500
	Stuart Brown	500
	Jared Palmer	500
	Gregory Yeager	500
23	Benjamine Guzman	467
24	Noel Diaz	433

- ♠All players who cash in a MSPT event are ranked for Player of the Year points. At the end of the calendar year 2020, the top-ranked player will receive POY recognition and 9 - \$1,100 MSPT main event buy-ins for 2021 (to be used at separate events).
- ♠MSPT Player of the Year points are awarded based on the total prizepool of the tournament
- ◆For more POY information, including how points are awarded, and to follow the race in 2020, visit https://msptpoker.com/statistics/MSPTSeasonPoints.aspx



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Mike Shin - 2019 Season 10 POY



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Rank	Player Name	Amount
1	Richard Alsup	\$778,425
2	Pavel Plesuv	\$681,212
3	Michael Soyza	\$592,137
4	Blake Bohn	\$495,686
4 5	David Levine	\$495,500
6	Mike Shin	\$478,674
7	Thomas Boivin	\$461,505
8	Mazen Abdallah	\$445,000
9	Aaron Johnson	\$441,610
10	Felipe Davila	\$427,942
11	Kou Vang	\$406,099
12	Nadar Kakhmazov	\$395,888
13	Linglin Zeng	\$393,506
14	Yat Cheng	\$392,806
15	Andrew Rubinberg	\$386,537
16	Jeremy Saderne	\$373,410
17	Aaron Massey	\$369,373
18	Carl Carodenuto	\$358,241
19	Chris Moon	\$356,377
20	Alessio Sabatini	\$356,000
21	Adam Friedman	\$349,707
22	Matt Kirby	\$345,749
23	Keven Stammen	\$334,261
24	Peixin Liu	\$318,857
25	Brayden Gazlay	\$316,782
26	Rob WazWaz	\$315,263
27	Matthew Stammen	\$312,298
28	Mukul Pahuja	\$308,643
29	Sean Davidson	\$306,265
30	Michael Shelton	\$302,020
31	Jason Zarlenga	\$298,379
32	James Romero	\$297,580
33	Sheddy Siddiqui	\$297,398
34	John Sun	\$283,786
35	Mike Shanahan	\$280,798
36	Jeremy Dresch	\$276,265
37	Chris Meyers	\$274,479
38	Patrick Steele	\$273,912
39	Lou Garza	\$269,639
40	Bobby Noel	\$264,516
41	Osama Aweida	\$243,113
42	Alex Foxen	\$239,000
43	Keith Heine	\$238,292
44	Angelina Rich	\$234,829
45	Greg Himmelbrand	\$234,062
46	Maury Solano	\$228,817
47	Richard Bai	\$226,044
48	Jonathan Kim (MN)	\$221,637
49	Mark Brazis	\$221,323
50	Joni Jouhkimainen	\$221,323
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Rich Alsup - Minneapolis, MN



Pavel Plesuv - Moldova, Prague



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Event Preview

MSPT RETURNS TO MESKWAKI CASINO FOR \$300K GTD MAIN EVENT MARCH 20-22!

BY MSPT STAFF

or the first of three appearances in Season 11, the MSPT is headed to Meskwaki Casino in Tama, Iowa with a series of satellites that will feed into the 25th MSPT Main Event ever held at the venue.

The \$1,100 buy-in, \$300,000 guaranteed Main Event will run the weekend of March 20-22.

Back in March of 2019, the first MSPT Meskwaki of Season 10 drew 409 entries and saw Steve Federspiel of Tiffin, Iowa walk away with an \$86,949 first-place -prize. Then, in July, Iowa's Josh Meyer bested a 401-entry field to win the 2019 MSPT Iowa State Poker Championship. This past November, MSPT Hall of Famer Aaron Johnson defeated a 409-runner field to earn his first MSPT title and take home \$86,951!

Lodging: Meskwaki has set aside a block of rooms for MSPT players at sensational rates. BUT this block of rooms always goes fast so reserve your room TODAY! Make sure you ask for the MID-STATES POKER TOUR room block or they may tell you the hotel is sold out.

\$49 Weekdays (Sun-Thurs) - \$89 Friday & Saturday Meskwaki Casino (800) 728-4263 or visit Meskwaki.com

Main Event: The \$300,000 Guaranteed MSPT Meskwaki Main Event, which requires players be just 18 years old to play, will kick off with Day 1A on Friday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m. and play 15 levels. Day 1B will then take place on Saturday,

March 21 at 3:00 p.m. and also play 15 levels. Players who advance from each flight will combine on Sunday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. and play until a champion is crowned. The complete event schedule can be found at msptpoker.com.

Final Table Broadcast / Live Reporting: The final table will be broadcast LIVE (15-minute delay) worldwide on msptpoker.com and twitch.tv/msptpoker using RFID technology allowing all viewers to see the hole cards. In addition, the entire Main Event will be live reported in the MSPT live blog.

Located in Tama, Iowa—between Des Moines and Cedar Rapids on Highway 30—Meskwaki Casino, which was constructed in 1992, features a huge bingo hall, nine different types of table games, off-track betting, active craps tables, more than 1,350 slots, good blackjack games, horse book, indoor pool, exercise room, spa, and 404 hotel rooms.

The property also features Lucky's Grill & Taproom, which serves hearty breakfast entrees in the morning and their famous Shredded Chicken Nachos Grande (and more) in the evening. Other favorites include the 100% Iowa Angus Beef Lucky's Steak Burger, handmade buttermilk dipped onion rings, Signature Pizzas, hot subs, and Fried Oreos. You can also enjoy a variety of 20 beers on tap (with 10 craft beers that are brewed in Iowa) all while watching your favorite team on one of 13 HDTVs.









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