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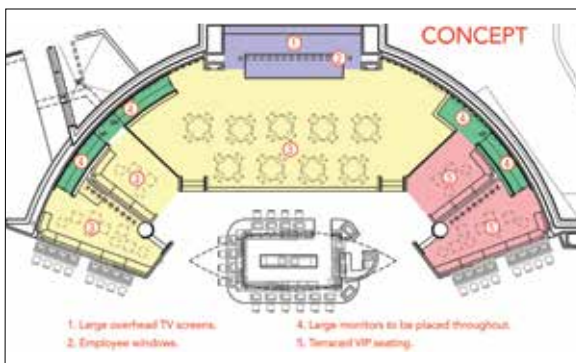
**G**rand Falls Casino & Golf Resort has announced plans for a \$10 million expansion and renovation that was schedule to begin at the end of June.

The gaming resort plans to add more hotel rooms, expand its RV park, and renovate the Show Lounge space into a sportsbook and new entertainment venue.

A total of 63 hotel rooms will be added to the resort which will overlook an outdoor pool and pool deck. The RV park will feature 25 more campsites. Construction on hotel addition and RV park will begin in September and will be completed in the summer of 2020. Officials said the hotel and RV park additions are expected to cost \$8.5 Million.

The renovation of the Show Lounge into a new sportsbook includes converting the center bar into a musical entertainment area which will allow for acoustic style performances. Work for the sportsbook and entertainment venue are expected to cost \$1.5 million. Construction is set to be completed in August.

“Once completed, the sportsbook will offer food and spirit options to cater to the tastes of the sports enthusiast, plush seating and TVs galore of every size so fans can watch their favorite game,” said Sharon Haselhoff, general manager of Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort. “We work hard to provide an exceptional entertainment experience to our guests. These new renovations and additions will offer an unmatched gaming and resort experience drawing guests from the tri-state area.” 🎰



**Sportsbook Concept**



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## Event Preview

# GRAND FALLS CASINO OUTSIDE SIOUX FALLS, SD TO HOST \$1,100 MAIN EVENT SEPTEMBER 6-8

BY MSPT STAFF

The MSPT is headed back to Grand Falls Casino in Larchwood, Iowa, located just outside Sioux Falls, South Dakota! Beginning August 15, Grand Falls Casino will play host to a series of satellites that'll culminate with a \$1,100 buy-in, \$150,000 GTD Main Event (September 6-8).



Ryan Skluzak

The \$1,100 Main Event will feature two starting flights beginning with Day 1A at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 6. Day 1B will take place at the same time on Saturday, September 7. Both days will play 15 levels. The surviving players from both flights will then return at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 8 to play down to a winner.

Last year's MSPT event at Grand Falls Casino attracted 226-entrants and saw two-time South Dakota State Poker Champion Ryan Skluzak defeat 2018 MSPT Player of the Year Aaron Johnson. The duo engaged in an epic, 2.5 hour-long heads-up match during which each held a big chip lead. In the end, Skluzak prevailed to capture the title and \$54,427 first-place prize.

In August 2017, the \$1,100 Main Event drew 216 runners and saw 25-year-old Ahmed Taleb take down the title for \$54,098 in his first-ever MSPT cash. Since then, Taleb has went on a tear both on the tour and in the poker world.

More recently, a \$350 MSPT Grand Falls Regional Event earlier this year attracted 339 entries and saw South Dakota's Eric Atchison come out on top. For Atchison this was his second MSPT cash and his largest

career score.

The upcoming tournament will mark the eighth time the MSPT will have hosted a Main Event at Grand Falls. The first took place back in 2012 when Dan Sun topped a field of 215 entrants to win \$60,486 and become the MSPT's first back-to-back champion.

Other winners of the MSPT Grand Falls Casino include Josh Smith, who topped a field of 218 to win \$59,221 in August 2013; MSPT Pro Blake Bohn, who outlasted 200 other entrants to win in August 2014 for \$54,607; Alan Curl, who topped a field of 238 entrants to win it in 2015 for \$64,655; and Fishing Hall of Famer Ted Takasaki who topped a field of 187 runners to capture a \$52,360 first-place prize.

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## Event Preview

# MSPT RETURNS TO CANTERBURY PARK SEPT. 12-15 FOR \$300K GTD MAIN EVENT

BY MSPT STAFF

Minnesota's Canterbury Park, home to the first-ever MSPT event, plays a prominent role on the MSPT Season 10 schedule. We've already hosted two Main Events with a Regional Event scheduled in August 2019, and in September we're returning for another \$1,100 buy-in, \$300,000 GTD Main Event, which will take place the week-end of September 12-15.



Mark Jaroslawski

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. The complete schedule is posted on [msptpoker.com](http://msptpoker.com). Since live thoroughbred racing will be in season, all events will be hosted in the newly renovated poker and gaming room.

The final table will be broadcast LIVE (15-minute delay) worldwide on [msptpoker.com](http://msptpoker.com) 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.

The MSPT has hosted 19 Main Events at Canterbury Park over the years. Most recently, April's event attracted 450 entries, Mark Jaroslawski of Stillwater, Minnesota, navigated a grueling field, shipping the title and \$95,700 after a five-and-a-half hour battle at the final table.

In February, the first of four \$1,100 MSPT Main Events at Canterbury Park in Season 10 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!

One year ago in September, The MSPT's 17th \$1,100 Main Event ever held at Shakopee, Minnesota's Canterbury Park attracted 456 entries and after a full weekend of play, it was

Minnesota Poker Hall of Famer Blake Bohn who walked away with the title and \$94,568 first-place prize. It was redemption for Bohn, who had finished runner-up in the same tournament the previous April (that marked his third time finishing an MSPT event in second place). That victory at the time tied Bohn with Carl Carodenuto as the only players with three MSPT titles. Bohn previously won the MSPT Season 5 Grand Falls for \$54,607 and Season 6 Meskwaki for \$101,229.

Other MSPT Canterbury champs from the past include 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).

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

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## Event Preview

# MSPT RETURNING TO THE VENETIAN LAS VEGAS SEPTEMBER 20-22 TO CAP OFF DEEPSTACK EXTRAVAGANZA POKER SERIES

BY MSPT STAFF

The long Vegas summer may be over, but the MSPT is already looking ahead to our next visit to The Venetian Las Vegas. From September 20-22, we'll return for a \$1,100 buy-in, \$250,000 GTD Main Event, marking the second-ever MSPT fall event at the venue.



Sam Vizza

The tournament will cap off The Venetian's DeepStack Extravaganza Poker Series, which will run September 2-22 and boast \$1,200,000 in guaranteed prize pools.

The MSPT Main Event will feature two starting flights beginning with Day 1A at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, September 20. Players will be starting with 20,000 in chips and play 40-minute levels. Day 1B will take place at the same time on Saturday, September 21. The survivors from each flight will return on Sunday, September 22 at Noon to play down to a winner.

"After another successful summer with multiple events exceeding \$3.5 million prize pools, we're excited to keep the ball rolling by returning to The Venetian in September which we anticipate to be another great event," said MSPT President Bryan Mileski. "Tommy LaRosa and his team consistently pump out the best tournaments with their DeepStack Championship Poker Series and we're excited to be a part of another one this fall."

For those looking to get in for less, there will be two \$200 NLH Mega Satellites. The first will be on Thursday, September 19 at 6:10 p.m. and will feature a 10,000 starting stack and 20-minute levels. There will be an identical satellite at the same time on Friday, September 20.

The 2018 MSPT Venetian Fall \$1,100 Main Event, which was held over NFL Kickoff Weekend, attracted 315 entries and saw 30-year-old poker pro Sam Vizza, a Las Vegas grinder by way of Chicago, emerge victorious after a five-way deal at the final table.

"I probably played about 50 tournaments at The Venetian

over the summer. They run the best stuff," Vizza said after the win. "Whenever the Venetian runs a big blind ante I run well. I kept holding in this tournament. I chipped up and played tighter than a lot of the people."

The Venetian offers a little different twist than typical MSPT play: Registration and Re-entry is allowed for nine (9) levels and through the break. Any player who plays Day 1A may also play Day 1B regardless if they busted or still remain in the tournament. After Day 1B, if a player has chips remaining from Day 1A & 1B, only the greater chip stack will move forward to Day 2. The lesser of the chip stacks shall be removed from play.

For the complete September DeepStack Extravaganza Poker Series schedule visit [msptpoker.com](http://msptpoker.com) and click the "More Info" button next to this event.

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## Event Preview

# MSPT \$1,000,000 GUARANTEE 2019 MICHIGAN STATE POKER CHAMPIONSHIP AT FIREKEEPERS CASINO OCTOBER 10-13

BY MSPT STAFF

The MSPT is returning to FireKeepers Casino October 10-13 for the 2019 MSPT Michigan State Poker Championship. The stop, which requires players be 21 or older to play, is looking to generate a seven-figure prize pool for the sixth time in a row.



Matt Stammen

A series of \$65 and \$250 satellites begin August 16th and will run consistently leading up to the \$1,100 buy-in, \$1,000,000 guarantee Main Event.

The Main Event will feature three starting flights—all with a noon start time—beginning with Day 1A on Thursday, October 10. Days 1B and 1C will then be on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12 respectively. The remaining players from each flight will combine on Sunday, October 13 at 11:00 a.m. and play until a champion is crowned.

The Main Event final table will be broadcast LIVE (15-minute delay) worldwide on [msptpoker.com](http://msptpoker.com) using RFID technology allowing all viewers to see the hole cards. In addition, the entirety of the Main Event will be live reported in the MSPT's live blog.

Last October, the 2018 MSPT Michigan State Poker Championship attracted a then-record 1,271 entries. Matt Stammen, the elder brother of well-known poker pro Keven Stammen, emerged victorious to capture his first major title and \$218,565 in prize money.

The 2017 MSPT Michigan State Poker Championship drew 1,067 entries and was won by Chris Meyers, who not only won \$191,196 but went on to claim the Kimo Sabe Mezcal MSPT Season 8 Player of the Year title.

Other past MSPT Michigan State Poker champions include Brett Blackwood (2016 for \$188,314), Michael Ferraroti (2015 for \$134,642), Ryan Dykhous (2014 for \$124,500), and Jordan

Townsend (2013 for \$76,975).

Most recently, the MSPT was at FireKeepers back in May, and that Main Event set the record for largest ever poker tournament in Michigan history with 1,592 entries! Chris Moon, who days prior topped a field of 570 to take down the \$1,650 HPT Ameristar East Chicago for \$183,899, took down his second mid-major title of the week by shipping MSPT FireKeepers for a whopping \$258,407!

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FireKeepers was also selected as one of the Best Casinos to Work for by Casino Player Magazine. Their signature restaurant, Nibi, is a multiple recipient of the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence.

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## Event Recap

# LINGLIN ZENG BECOMES SECOND WOMAN EVER TO WIN A MSPT MAIN EVENT; WINS MSPT VENETIAN \$1,600

BY MSPT STAFF

**B**y the end of the MSPT's 151st Main Event—a \$1,600 buy-in, \$3,000,000 GTD tournament held at The Venetian in Las Vegas that attracted 2,472 entries, it was Linglin Zeng of China that took home the lion's share of the prize pool after a three-way deal netted her \$393,506. She becomes the second female MSPT Main Event champion ever, along with Angelina Rich, who also netted her title via a three-way chop at a MSPT Main Event at The Venetian.

Earlier in the tournament and just before the deal was made, Zeng said, "I made a huge fold against Mike Shin; he check-raised me then shoved the river." This hand proved to be a pivotal one, as it allowed Shin, who jumped into first-place in the MSPT Hayvin Poker POY race with his third-place finish, to climb out of the danger zone just before the chop happened. Zeng said she'd get it out of Shin on what he held that hand; "I'll find out, I need to go ask him. I think he had it."

Not one to rest on her laurels, Zeng, a former nurse turned poker player, said she's "ready for the WSOP Monster Stack tomorrow!" She's already had some success this summer as well, saying, "I went deep in the \$1,500 six-max, fourteenth-place, then I almost didn't play this one. I played the WSOP Double Stack, in Day 3 I was chip leader. I lost a few hands, for some reason I just got so mad and dumped all my chips in one level. I was so mad at myself, and someone told me about this tournament at Venetian, and I was just so fired up to redeem myself. I wasn't even going to play at all." Describing her style, she said "I'm very aggressive, loose and aggressive. I'm super loose, I usually play cash; tournaments aren't really my thing." Finally, she acknowledged her rail which included her boyfriend, saying, "I have a lot of friends supporting me, I was very grateful."

Starting in Day 2, a number of players walked away with a cash, including Day 1a chip leader Ben Diebold (39th - \$10,251), MSPT Hall of Famer Rich Alsup (56th - \$7,777), two-time WSOP bracelet winner Elio Fox (68th - \$7,070), former MSPT Venetian champ Thomas Boivin (74th - \$6,363), CSOP founder Matt Stout (81st - \$6,363), former WSOP November Niner Dan Ott (105th - \$5,302), Bertrand "ElkY" Grospellier (123rd - \$5,302), Felipe Davila (138th - \$4,949), "Mad" Marvin



Linglin Zeng

Rettenmaier (221st - \$3,888), three-time MSPT champ Matt Kirby (242nd - \$3,888) and 2014 WSOP Main Event champ Martin Jacobson (249th - \$3,888).

Unfortunately for 22 of the 32 players that returned for Day 3 action, they would not be a part of one of the biggest final tables in MSPT history, behind only two events from last year's MSPT The Venetian series in terms of total prize pool. Some of those falling short included Day 1c chip leader Oleg Eltsov (11th - \$42,420), Jack O'Neill (13th - \$33,582), Rudy Sawa (17th - \$31,461), Lokesh Garg (18th - \$31,461), 2018 WSOPE champ Jack Sinclair (21st - \$26,159), Harry Arutyunyan (23rd - \$21,397), and Dominick Sarle (29th - \$12,726).

### Final Table Action

Coming into the final table, it was an international affair, as six different countries had representation, including three from China, two each from the United States and Italy, and Sweden, Spain and the United Kingdom were all represented as well. First to fall was Jiawei Liu, who lost a flip with ace-jack suited against the overwhelming chip leader coming into the final table, Linglin Zeng and her pocket tens. Liu settled for \$42,420 for his tenth-place finish.

Knowing he had already ladder once, Brady Osterman called off his last twelve big blinds after Oliver Price jammed, and when his ace-jack failed to catch up to Price's ace-queen,



# The Venetian Las Vegas

Osterman was out the door in ninth-place. The \$54,792 in prize money will represent more than four-fifths of his lifetime tournament earnings, according to Hendon Mob.

Suddenly, the bustouts at the final table came to a screeching halt, as eighth-place wouldn't fall for another ninety minutes. It was Donis Agnelli that would be out next, grinding down to two big blinds before Mike Shin's ace-queen bested Agnelli's ace-four. The native Italian took home \$68,932 for his efforts.

Leaving just a few hands later would be Spain's Javier Zarco, who tried to steal Oliver Price's big blind with queen-three, only for Price to wake up with Big Slick and felt Zarco in seventh for \$88,374. The 2015 WSOP Millionaire Maker runner-up and 2017 The Venetian DeepStack Extravaganza \$3,500 event champ padded his \$2.2 million in lifetime tournament earnings with this score.

Out the door next was Yilong Wang, who fell victim to three straight all-in defeats, including having Shin dead to three outs after the turn in one hand, before Shin pinged his king on the river to crack Wang's tens. Wang then couldn't get his ace-eight to overcome Alessio Sabatini's kings, and he was left with sixth-place and \$113,119.

Less than an orbit later, Price got his last thirteen bigs in with sevens against the pocket sixes of Zeng. Zeng proved how hot she was running when she flopped a set and turn quads to leave the UK product with fifth-place and \$143,519 to add to an established career that includes over \$1.7 mil-



## The Venetian Las Vegas

Buy-in: \$1,600 ♣ 2,472 Entrants

Place	Name	City, State	Prize
1	Linglin Zeng	Scottsdale, AZ	\$393,506*
2	Alessio Sabatini	Italy	\$356,000*
3	Myung Shin	Mount Prospect, IL	\$334,000*
4	Michael Turenec	Sweden	\$187,353
5	Oliver Price	UK	\$143,519
6	Yilong Wang	China	\$113,119
7	Javier Zarco	UK	\$88,374
8	Donis Agnelli	Italy	\$68,932
9	Brady Osterman	Mesa, AZ	\$54,792
10	Jiawei Liu	China	\$42,420

\*Denotes chop amount

lion in career earnings.

Sweden's Michael Turenec was the next to go, when his ace-jack was dominated by the ace-queen of Sabatini. Turenec was dead by the turn, and the fourth-place finisher adds \$187,353 to his whopping \$4.4 million in lifetime tournament earnings.

Three-handed play lasted for a few levels before the trio looked at the numbers for a deal. 🤖



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*Strategy presented by Jonathan Little*

# LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM A FAILED STOP-AND-GO PLAY

BY MSPT STAFF

**O**n Day 2 of the 2019 MSPT Venetian \$1,600 Main Event there were around 100 players remaining from the 2,472-entry field, and each were guaranteed \$5,302 in prize money.

That is when a hand developed in Level 20 (6,000/12,000/12,000) with Linglin Zeng, who was the chip leader with 2.7 million, raising to 28,000 under the gun and action folding around to the player in the big blind.

He defended to see an 8♥5♦5♠ flop and moved all in for his last 160,000. Zeng wasted little time in calling with the 10♥10♦, which was ahead of the big blind's 8♣7♣.

Neither the 2♣ turn nor 2♦ river changed anything and Zeng, who went on to win the tournament for \$393,506, scored the knockout.

We consulted with poker pro Jonathan Little of PokerCoaching.com—the official training site of the MSPT—to get his take on the failed stop-and-go play.

**MSPT: What are your thoughts on the big blind defending here?**

**Little:** When facing a small raise when there is an ante in play, it is perfectly fine to defend your big blind relatively wide, including hands like 87o. If your opponent is relatively active (as the chip leader often is), you can defend even wider.

**The big blind went for the stop-and-go after flopping eights and fives. Would you have played it the same way?**

**Little:** I would have certainly checked the flop. When you lead all-in for two times the size of the pot you essentially force your opponent to have a hand better than 8x7x to call. So, when your opponent folds, you almost certainly had the best hand, and when they call, you are usually drawing thin. That is the exact opposite of what you want to happen.

**So, there is merit to checking the flop and seeing what Zeng does? Perhaps with the idea of check-jamming?**

**Little:** Check-jamming is a much better strategy because that allows Zeng to continuation-bet with a wide range, allowing you to get more money in the pot before jamming, while also barely pricing out various overcards. Check-calling is also a viable option, depending on Zeng's bet size.



Linglin Zeng

**Here he was attempting a stop-and-go against the tournament chip leader. Should players consider their opponent's stack sizes when considering a stop-and-go?**

**Little:** I do not think the stop-and-go is a particularly good strategy, mainly because it forces the opponent to play well when you shove marginal made hands and when you shove draws, if your opponent becomes aware of your strategy, they can crush you by simply calling with all of their hands with showdown value.

Also, from a Game Theory Optimal point of view, the pre-flop caller usually has the range disadvantage, and when that is the case, you should do a lot of checking, not pushing your entire stack into the pot.

*PokerCoaching.com is an interactive poker learning experience from two-time WPT Champion Jonathan Little. Try it for free at [PokerCoaching.com/mspt](https://PokerCoaching.com/mspt).*

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3	Michael Soyza	\$588,249
4	David Levine	\$495,500
5	Blake Bohn	\$485,398
6	Thomas Boivin	\$461,505
7	Mike Shin	\$451,243
8	Mazen Abdallah	\$445,000
9	Felipe Davila	\$427,942
10	Kou Vang	\$403,968
11	Nadar Kakhmazov	\$395,888
12	Linglin Zeng	\$393,506
13	Yat Cheng	\$392,806
14	Andrew Rubinberg	\$386,537
15	Jeremy Saderne	\$373,410
16	Carl Carodenuto	\$358,241
17	Alessio Sabatini	\$356,000
18	Chris Moon	\$349,415
19	Aaron Massey	\$349,028
20	Peixin Liu	\$318,857
21	Brayden Gazlay	\$316,782
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29	Sheddy Siddiqui	\$297,398
30	Matt Kirby	\$282,336
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32	Aaron Johnson	\$277,298
33	Jeremy Dresch	\$276,265
34	Chris Meyers	\$272,282
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36	Osama Aweida	\$242,330
37	Alex Foxen	\$239,000
38	Keith Heine	\$235,580
39	Angelina Rich	\$234,829
40	Greg Himmelbrand	\$234,062
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42	Richard Bai	\$226,044
43	Mark Brazis	\$221,323
44	Joni Jouhkimainen	\$221,304
45	Travis Lauson	\$220,117
46	Adam Friedman	\$216,732
47	Glen Nguyen	\$215,430
48	Keven Stammen	\$212,187
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3	Brian Hou	2,250
4	Rudy Sawa	2,200
5	Jeremy Brown	2,100
6	Chris Moon	2,050
	Mazen Abdallah	2,000
	Linglin Zeng	2,000
9	Sheddy Siddiqui	1,850
10	Scott Vetter	1,800
	Sean Munjal	1,800
	Alessio Sabatini	1,800
	Sean Davidson	1,800
14	Matt Kirby	1,725
15	Daniel Bekavac	1,700
	Jeffrey Hill	1,700
	Pedro Mendes	1,700
	Michael Shelton	1,700
19	Kou Vang	1,650
20	Ryan Awwad	1,600
	Anthony Carbone	1,600
	Michael Tureniec	1,600
	Eli Ross	1,600
24	Steve Federspiel	1,575
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2	Kou Vang	31
3	Richard Alsup	26
4	Mark Hodge	24
5	DJ Buckley	23
6	Blake Bohn	22
7	Patrick Steele	21
8	Rob WazWaz	20
9	Jason Seitz	19
	Matt Alexander	19
11	Matt Kirby	18
	Dan Hendrickson	18
	Phil Mader	18
14	Jeremy Dresch	17
	Josh Reichard	17
	Nicholas Pupillo	17
17	Mark Sandness	16
	Todd Melander	16
19	Everett Carlton	15
	Rodger Johnson	15
21	Tom Hammers	14
	John Hayes	14
	Brian Zupancich	14
	Ben Keeline	14
	John Reading	14
26	Reg Powell	13
	Dennis Stevermer	13
	Adam Lamphere	13
	Keith Heine	13
30	Joe Matheson	12
	Brett Reichard	12
	John Pierce	12
	Joseph Barnard	12
	Richard Syverud	12
35	Judd Greenagel	11
	Jason Bender	11
	Andrew Rubinberg	11
	Michael Ross	11
	Adam Friedman	11
	Michael Ernie	11
	Loki Abboud	11
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	Mike Shin	11
	Chris Meyers	11



**Aaron Johnson - Red Wing, MN**



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