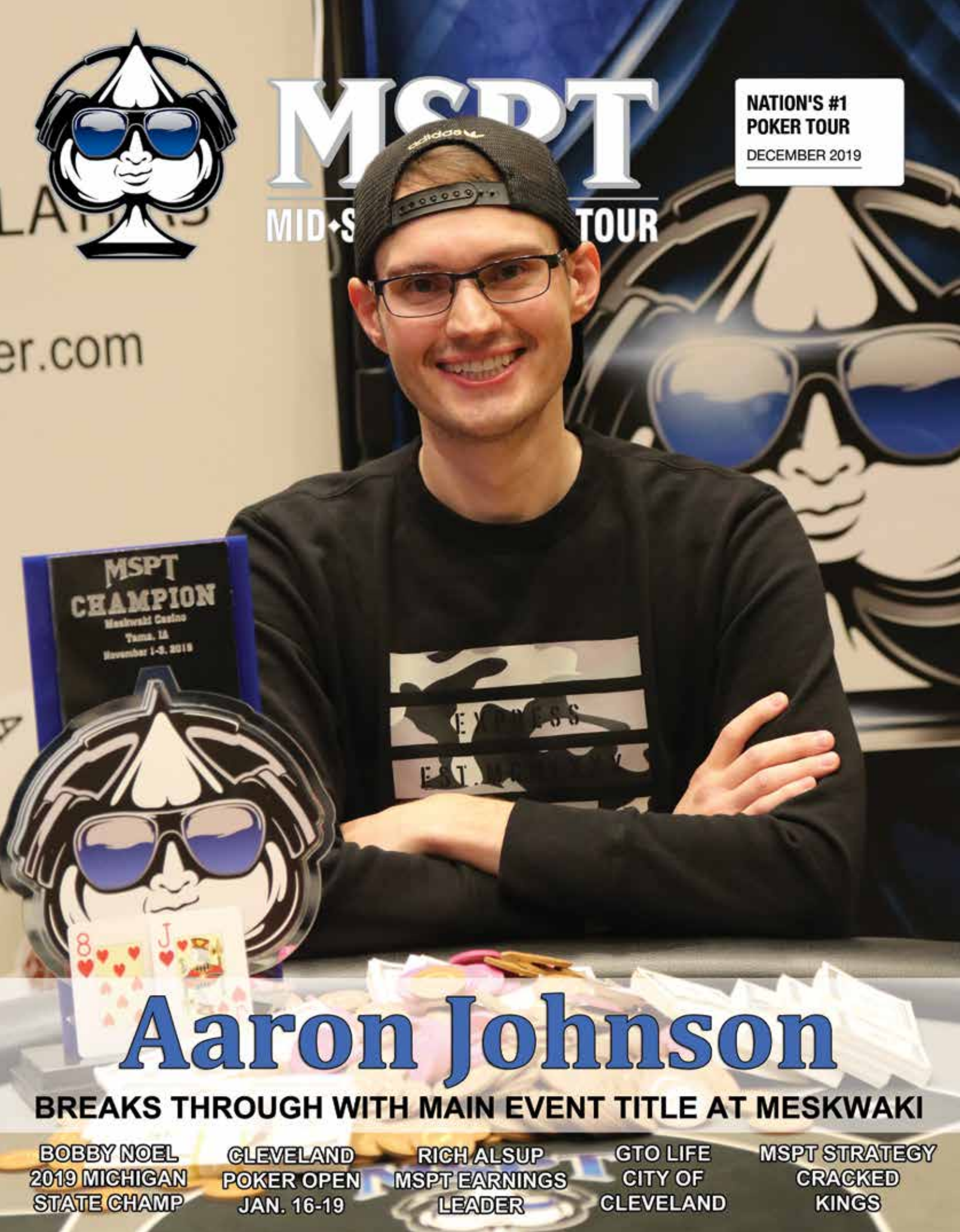




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# Letter From the Publisher

## RICH ALSUP BECOMES MSPT ALL-TIME EARNINGS LEADER

BY BRYAN MILESKI

On November 3, 2019, Rich Alsup placed 25th in a field of 409 entrants at Meskwaki Casino in Tama, Iowa earning \$2,767. By itself that cash may not seem so significant, for Alsup that was his 28th MSPT Main Event cash which sets him 3rd all-time. But more importantly, that \$2,767 put him over Prague's Pavel Plesuv for a record \$682,923 in lifetime earnings on the MSPT, now \$1,711 ahead of Plesuv's mark.

Alsup, who hails from New Hope, MN, won his way into the MSPT Hall of Fame in 2018, at that time becoming just the 2nd player ever to accomplish the necessary requirements. His 11 MSPT Final Table appearances is also a record—he has recorded a win, two runner-up finishes, two third place finishes and a fourth among others.

His largest MSPT score was when he placed 3rd in the 2018 The Venetian Las Vegas \$1,600 buy-in summer event that hosted 2,877 entrants for \$273,430. His lone victory came at Meskwaki Casino in Season 6 where he bested a 410 entrant field to win \$101,229. According to Hendon Mob, Alsup has just shy of \$1.2 million earnings.

Just 10 players have earned more than \$400K on the MSPT. Pavel Plesuv, Michael Soyza, Blake Bohn and David Levine round out the top 5.

Congratulations to Rich Alsup on becoming the MSPT all-time earnings leader and best wishes on continued success! 🎉



Rich Alsup

Career Earnings		
1	Richard Alsup	\$682,923
2	Pavel Plesuv	\$681,212
3	Michael Soyza	\$592,137
4	Blake Bohn	\$495,686
5	David Levine	\$495,500
6	Mike Shin	\$473,023
7	Thomas Boivin	\$461,505
8	Mazen Abdallah	\$445,000
9	Felipe Davila	\$427,942
10	Kou Vang	\$406,099



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## Event Preview

# MSPT SEASON 11 TO KICK OFF WITH 2020 CLEVELAND POKER OPEN JAN. 16-19

BY MSPT STAFF

**A**s 2019 nears an end, it's time to look ahead to the MSPT's 11th Season, which will kick off with a \$1,110 buy-in, \$300K GTD Main Event at JACK Cleveland Casino in Cleveland, OH.

The 2020 MSPT Cleveland Poker Open—a 21 or older event—will take place January 16-19 and will be preceded by a series of \$70, \$145 and \$265 satellites where every single satellite boasts a 10-seat guarantee! The stop will mark the MSPT's 164th Main Event and the 4th ever at JACK Cleveland Casino.

In 2018, the inaugural MSPT Cleveland Poker Open attracted 581 entrants and saw Abdul "Dulie" Amer, a good friend of poker pros Adam Friedman and Nick Guagenti, capture the title and \$118,350 first-place prize.

The MSPT Season 10 Cleveland Poker Open last January drew 725 entries creating a \$703,250 total prize pool, which made it by far the largest major poker tournament (\$1K+ buy-in) in Cleveland's history, breaking our own record from the previous year. In the end, it was Sean Munjal of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who navigated the field to take down a \$140,654 first-place prize.

The property, which is open 24/7, is a 300,000-square-foot complex—96,000 square feet are dedicated to gaming including slot machines, table games, and poker—the property is located inside the historic Higbee Building on Public Square, which is adjacent to the city's entertainment district.

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Sean Munjal



Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse



several dining options including a buffet restaurant, three quick-serve food outlets, and three feature bars. In addition, Boston-based burger-chain, Wahlburgers, is located in retail space adjacent to the casino parking structure.

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# MSPT GTO LIFE CLEVELAND

BY BEN VALDER

**H**o Ho HoKuuur... December is here, bringing bone chilling temperatures, epic Vikings victories, and an end to an amazing Season 10 here at the MSPT. Let's take a quick moment to look back at some recent GTO plays this year as well as look ahead to what will be an even more amazing Season 11 starting very soon!

We want to give a big shout out to last year's MSPT (and HPT) Player of the Year Aaron Johnson, who just last month earned his first MSPT main event victory at Meskwaki Casino. Johnson has demonstrated incredible GTO (bot) play for years now on the felt, but never more so than the absolute clinic he put on heads up to close things out in Tama. Not to be outdone, GTO Life (see party boat snaps and haircut) and MSPT Hall of Famer Rich Alsup's latest cash moved him into the 1st place on MSPT's all time money winners list - a well deserved title and one that he tells me he "has no plans on giving up anytime soon."

Another big milestone we hit on the MSPT this year is topping an astonishing \$100,000,000 awarded to date! We want to send a humbling thank you to all of the amazing players and staff that have made this possible over the past 10 years!

Looking forward to the best GTO life plays to start off season 11, we head to one of my personal favorite stops and Adam Friedman's bi-yearly paycheck, Jack Cleveland Casino in the heart of Cleveland, Ohio (Jan 16-19).

Connected with an indoor walkway steps from the exquisite Ritz-Carlton, Jack features the newest slots, table games, and over 100,000 square feet of exciting, action-packed choices. With so many thrilling ways to win, it's no wonder why it's consistently voted the best casino and best slots in all of Ohio.

For the GTO food play in the casino, check out STACK'D (open 24/7), featuring handcrafted burgers, specialty sandwiches, all day breakfast and much more. My favorite item on the menu is the Quad burger with pepperjack cheese, bacon, and house made potato chips. If you can eat one of these beautiful monstrosities faster than me on poker's best snap chat (msptpoker), the MSPT will buy you into a \$260 Satellite. (DM msptpoker on Facebook, Instagram, or Snapchat if you think you have what it takes.)

If you would like to explore the city a bit, the play in Cleveland is absolutely the Great Lakes Brewing Co. The city of Cleveland, and the entire state of Ohio, has seen a boom in craft brewing in the past decade, but the granddaddy of them



Rich Alsup



all is Great Lakes Brewing, which has been brewing beer since 1988. The brewpub in Ohio City (rumor has it Eliot Ness, the namesake of one of Great Lakes' beers, drank there - after Prohibition, of course) has a full menu and a variety of pub exclusives, from beers commemorating special occasions to those that have been barrel-aged, offering a fuller flavor and even higher alcohol content. My go-to is the Turntable Pils, a refreshing classic style pilsner that is served year round and pairs well with pizza and spicy Thai dishes - two of my favorites.

In closing, from me and everyone here at the MSPT, we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you on the felt for season 11 very soon! 🍷

## Event Recap

# AARON JOHNSON MAKES MSPT MAIN EVENT BREAKTHROUGH WITH MESKWAKI TITLE

BY MSPT STAFF

On Sunday, November 3, the MSPT Meskwaki Casino Main Event reached its conclusion after it took 10 hours to cut a field of 50 from the original 409 runners down to a champion.

Emerging as that champion was MSPT regular Aaron Johnson, who won his first MSPT Main Event title for \$86,951. A Main Event title was the only thing missing from his MSPT resume as he did everything possible on the MSPT tour—including a Regional title and winning his way into the MSPT Hall of Fame—and came up just short in many previous close calls.

The win was Johnson's tour record 36th Main Event cash and 43rd overall. This was also his 7th MSPT final table. In total Johnson has amassed \$369,495 on the MSPT. His last two MSPT Main Event final tables resulted in runner-up finishes.

"Feeling really good. A runner-up finish might have just killed me. To get a Main Event win in a MSPT, it feels amazing," said Johnson afterward, referring to his previous two second-place finishes and six final tables.

The Red Wing, Minnesota native, added the score to his over \$1 million in career earnings as he continues to cement himself as one of the best players from the Midwest. When asked what he would do with the big boost in cash, he replied with a laugh, "I'll probably start an IRA or something, nothing fun, unfortunately."

### Road To Title

Johnson began the day slightly above the average in chips, starting in 18th place out of the 50 starting players. He flew



Aaron Johnson

under the radar for most of the day, keeping a steady chip count, never getting too low but never emerging as a massive stack at any point either.

He entered the final table eighth in chips and slowly built his stack until he was heads up against Saad Ghanem. The heads-up battle would prove to be the defining moments of Johnson's title as he began the heads-up clash with a 3:1 chip disadvantage and had to start chipping away at Ghanem quickly. And chip away he did as he looked to play small pots and let Ghanem's aggressive style do the bidding.

"My strategy heads up was to keep pots as small as possible. I know Saad likes to blow pots and kinda increase variance. My plan was to just play my game and grind him down and find the best spots," he explained afterward.

Two hands were vital in pulling Johnson close and eventually beyond Ghanem. On both occasions calling down Ghanem's aggressive betting to take the pots. The final hand



# Meskwaki Casino

followed the same formula as Ghanem triple-barreled into Johnson's trip jacks, including a shove on the river which Johnson snap-called and turned over the winning hand to confirm his title.



## Meskwaki Casino

Buy-in: \$1,100 ♣ 409 Entrants

### Final Day Action

The day began with 50 players and play was rapid as eliminations went quick. The money bubble only took one hand to breach at 45 players. Before the three-table-redraw, Nick Marsh emerged as the first prominent chip leader of the day as he surged to above a million in chips when he hit a jack to crack queens and also take pocket tens in a double elimination. He would ride that momentum as the field continued to shrink.

Eventually, the final table was reached after about seven hours of play. Current MSPT Player of the Year points leader Mike Shin was eliminated in ninth place, but this result extends his lead on top of the leaderboard.

Start of day chip leader Derek McMaster bit the dust in seventh place when his ace-queen was one-outed by Johnson's pocket kings when the case king hit the river after McMaster had flopped aces.

Play continued until three-handed when Marsh went from

Place	Name	City, State	Prize
1	Aaron Johnson	Red Wing, MN	\$86,951
2	Saad Ghanem	Bloomington, MN	\$53,749
3	Nicholas Marsh	Fort Dodge, IA	\$39,128
4	Jeff Petronack	Hugo, MN	\$28,852
5	Alex Winter	Roseville, MN	\$21,738
6	Jason Trezak	Portage, IN	\$16,600
7	Derek McMaster	Richfield, MN	\$13,043
8	Joe Matheson	Andover, MN	\$10,276
9	Mike Shin	Milwaukee, WI	\$7,509
10	Reg Powell	Elk River, MN	\$6,324

chip leader to the short stack after dropping some pots, and he was eventually eliminated in third place when his pocket fours went down to the pocket jacks of Ghanem. 🎩



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# Event Recap

## AARON FREI CLAIMS BACK-TO-BACK MSPT GOLDEN GATES REGIONAL TITLES AFTER FOUR-WAY DEAL

BY MSPT STAFF

Just last April, Aaron Frei won his first MSPT trophy after winning the first \$360 MSPT Golden Gates Regional Event of Season 10 and now he joins the club of back-to-back winners as he successfully defended his title to win the second \$360 MSPT Golden Gates Regional Event of the season after a four-way chop, earning \$36,607 as well as his second MSPT trophy and the title.



Aaron Frei

"It's really hard to go wire-to-wire like that. I've never done this before. I've never done back to back. I can't really believe it with so many players. I just feel very fortunate, I ran really well, I got away with a couple of good plays, but overall just pretty lucky. My friends tell me that I definitely run better in this Casino than I should," Frei said after his win.

The tournament attracted a field of 915 players but only 131 of them returned on Day 2. Aaron Frei was sharing the overall lead with Ryan Brown heading into the final day and between his run of good cards, and his game on point, he never really relinquished that chip lead and kept extending instead.

Having almost one-third of the chips in play when the final table started, Frei didn't waste any time and was seen jamming on his opponents left and right. He proved at multiple times that he wasn't afraid to put his chips in the middle. His big bluff when he shoved with queen-high on the river against Sergio Ruiz, who was the second biggest stack, was a confirmation of that.

"I just kind of knew when he checked back he just didn't want to continue after that and I just went for it. I just didn't think he could call that big of a bet with us being the two biggest stacks. Everybody else was kind of short so I didn't think he would want to risk it unless he really had it."

Frei doesn't plan on stopping here. In fact, he plans on chasing another MSPT trophy.

"I will definitely play this Main."



### Golden Gates Casino

Buy-in: \$360 ♠ 915 Entrants

Place	Name	City, State	Prize
1	Aaron Frei	Longmont, CO	\$36,607*
2	Sergio Ruiz	Thornton, CO	\$36,582*
3	Griffin Malatino	Fort Lauderdale, FL	\$27,194*
4	Corey Zedo	Denver, CO	\$25,312*
5	Michael Hinde	Monument, CO	\$13,451
6	Benjamin Berman	Dillon, CO	\$10,157
7	Abhinav Parakh	Dallas, CO	\$7,961
8	Gary Schneider	Castle Pines, CO	\$6,314
9	John Ambrosio	Denver, CO	\$4,941
10	Kelly Shelton	CO	\$3,843

\*denotes chop amount

### Final Table Action

Johnny Ambrosio was the first casualty of the final table. Ambrosio only had three big blinds left and he three-bet jammed with deuces. Frei added the remainder to call with six-four suited and flopped aces and sixes to win the pot, ending Ambrosio's run in 9th place.

Ambrosio was followed to the payout desk by Gary Schneider. Schneider was also short and needed to find a spot to double up. When Corey Zedo moved all in from middle position with ace-queen suited, he called for less from the big blind with fours. However, Zedo flopped a queen and Schneider couldn't improve, heading to the exit instead in 8th place.

Abhinav Parakh was eliminated in 7th place when he three-bet shoved his last four big blinds with king-ten suited after a raise from Frei with five-three suited. Fried called, rived a five, and that was it for Parakh's deep run.

Ben Berman was next to go. He three-bet jammed with king-ten and got called by both Sergio Ruiz who held king-ten suited and Aaron Frei who had queen-jack. Frei rived a jack, scooping the pot and sending Berman to the exit in 6th place.

Michael Hinde was the last bustout before the four-way deal was reached. He moved all in from the small blind for his last four big blinds with five-three and got called by Griffin Malatino with king-six. Malatino flopped a pair of kings and took down the pot, eliminating Hinde in 5th place. 🍀

## Event Recap

# BOBBY NOEL WINS 2019 MSPT MICHIGAN STATE POKER CHAMPIONSHIP

BY MSPT STAFF



**Bobby Noel**

The 2019 MSPT Michigan State Poker Championship at FireKeepers Casino proved to be a record-setting affair by attracting 1,615 entries over three flights. That made it the largest poker tournament in Michigan state history, as was the \$1,565,066 prize pool on tap.

In the end, 31-year-old Bobby Noel finished as the last player standing to claim the title and \$262,145 first-place prize. Prior to the career-high score, Noel had \$305,584 in lifetime earnings including a prior best \$136,625 for finishing runner-up to Josh Reichard in the 2018 HPT Championship. For Noel, this was his first ever MSPT cash.

"My first time here, I'll probably come back now I guess. I'm feeling good," Noel said after the win. "I haven't been playing a ton this year. I had some success last year. Things just seem to be working out pretty well for me."

On his way to victory, Noel had to defeat a former champ and a World Poker Tour champion.

"I would say it was the hardest final table I've played by far," he added.

### Day 2 Action

The start of Day 2 saw 211 players return to action, and of those 171 were slated to get paid. Among those to fall short of the money was MSPT Hall of Famer Kou Vang, WSOP Main Event finalist Nick Manion, and bubble boy Brandon Sinawi, who lost ace-king to ace-queen all in preflop when a lady spiked on the river.

Among those to cash but fall short of making the final table were bracelet winner Ben Keeline (55th - \$3,913), Minnesota Hall of Famer Blake Bohn (67th - \$3,443), Nick Pupillo (68th - \$3,443), MSPT FireKeepers champ Chris Moon (74th - \$3,287), three-time MSPT champ Matt Kirby (87th - \$3,130), and current MSPT Season 10 points leader Mike Shin (95th - \$2,817).

Making his fourth appearance at a MSPT FireKeepers final table was poker pro Aaron Massey, who was joined by

# FireKeepers Casino



## FireKeepers Casino

Buy-in: \$1,100 ♣ 1,615 Entrants

his brother Ralph Massey. It marked the first time the two had made a major final table together, but their shared experienced didn't last long as Aaron was the first to fall after losing a flip with king-jack to the pocket tens of Noel. It total, Aaron Massey has nine MSPT Main Event cashes and \$369,373 in MSPT earnings.

Dapreesch Scates—hailing from Sterling Heights, MI—was the next to go after his ace-queen fell to king-jack blind on blind against Noel, and Erik Koch of Livonia, MI, followed him out the door in eighth place losing queen-ten suited to Noel's kings all in preflop. Scates was making his first MSPT final table appearance on five cashes, he had finished 12th place twice previously. For Koch this was his first MSPT cash.

At that point a rare double elimination took place when Hyung Cho got it in with nine-ten suited, Justin Pease with Big Slick, and Keven Stammen holding ace-eight. Stammen, who had both players covered, spiked a runner-runner straight to send them both to the rail and bring the field down to five players.

Day 1c chip leader Isaac Kratchman, who finished third in the 2018 MSPT Michigan State Poker Championship, was the next to go after shoving the small blind with queen-ten only to have Noel wake up with ace-jack suited in the big. The better hand held and Kratchman had to settle for fifth place and \$70,427 in prize money. Kratchman of Detroit, MI, was making his 2nd MSPT final table appearance on five cashes. He now has \$184,849 earnings on the MSPT.

Place	Name	City, State	Prize
1	Bobby Noel	Pittsburgh, PA	\$262,145
2	Ralph Massey	Chicago, IL	\$161,200
3	Keven Stammen	Coldwater, OH	\$122,074
4	Elliott Hebden	Perry, MI	\$92,337
5	Isaac Kratchman	Detroit, MI	\$70,427
6	Justin Pease		\$53,212
7	Hyung Cho	Indianapolis, IN	\$42,256
8	Erik Koch	Livonia, MI	\$32,866
9	Dapreesch Scates	Sterling Heights, MI	\$26,606
10	Aaron Massey	Elmwood Park, IL	\$20,345

Massey then cracked the pocket aces of Elliott Hebden holding ten-nine thanks to a ten on the flop—which is when the chips went in—and another on the river. Not long after, the short-stacked Stammen, brother to 2018 MSPT Michigan State Poker Champ Matt Stammen, also fell to Massey, who took a nearly 2-1 chip lead into heads-up play.

Despite that, it was Noel coming out on top to send Massey to the rail in second place for a career-high \$161,200. 🐣



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# CRACKED KINGS IN THE 2019 WISCONSIN STATE POKER CHAMPIONSHIP

BY MSPT STAFF

The 2019 MSPT Wisconsin State Poker Championship at Milwaukee's Potawatomi Hotel & Casino attracted 660 runners.

In Level 8 (400/800/800), a player in middle position opened to 2,100 and was called by Steve Wazwaz, who was in the hijack. Li Shen was on the button and also called, as did the big blind, and the four saw the flop come 10♠Q♣4♦.

The big blind and original raiser both checked to Wazwaz, who put out a bet of 7,200. Shen pumped it up to 20,000 to get two folds and put action back on Wazwaz, who went all in for not much more. Shen called.

"Do you have two pair?" asked Wazwaz as he tabled K♦K♠.

Shen confirmed he did, showing the Q♠10♥.

"Every time!" said Wazwaz, in need of improving to stay alive. The turn came 6♥ to cut his number of chances in half, and the river A♥ did not bring him any justice. He congratulated Shen on a nice hand as he left the tournament area for the evening. Meanwhile, Shen chipped up to 146,800 and went on to finish seventh in the tournament for \$19,161.

We consulted Jonathan Little of PokerCoaching.com to get his take on the hand.

**MSPT: What do you make of Steve Wazwaz's decision to just flat preflop? What are the pros/cons of doing that with big pocket pairs?**

**Little:** For the most part, you should tend to three-bet with your best hands before the flop, because if you do not three-bet with your best hands, it implies that either you do not three-bet much of anything, or that your three-betting range is incredibly weak. You want to play big pots with your big hands, which three-betting accomplishes. The main time flat calling makes sense is when you think someone yet to act will frequently three-bet over the raise and your call, allowing you to then play a large preflop pot.

**When should players look to protect a big pocket pair and when might they look to slow play it? How do different circumstances factor into such a decision?**

**Little:** When you three-bet before the flop with a big pair, it is not because you are afraid of being outdrawn. It is because you have a substantial equity advantage and want to make

the pot larger in order to win more equity. This is why you do not want to use a reasonable three-bet size that your opponent can call, like to three times the initial raise, and not to a gigantic size that they cannot call, like to 10 times the initial raise.

**How do you feel about Wazwaz's bet-sizing on the flop? A case to be made for either more or less?**

**Little:** I would tend to bet a bit smaller, perhaps 5,000 into the 9,000 pot. When you bet large, you force your opponents to have a premium hand to continue, which will usually be top pair with a strong kicker and better made hands. If you bet smaller, you can get called by many more inferior hands, such as weak top pair, middle pair, and junky draws. When you have a premium hand, you want to extract value, not force everyone to fold all their marginal holdings. 🎰



Li Shen



Steve Wazwaz



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# PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Season 10 Standings as of November 16

Rank	Player Name	Points
1	Mike Shin	5,400
2	Adam Friedman	3,500
3	Matt Kirby	3,425
4	Brian Wilson	3,250
5	Andy Tran	2,950
6	Aaron Johnson	2,867
7	Eric Baldwin	2,700
	Brian Hou	2,700
9	DJ Buckley	2,492
10	Alex Winter	2,450
11	Chris Moon	2,400
12	Daniel Bekavac	2,300
	Rudy Sawa	2,300
14	Jeffrey Hill	2,150
	Jason Trezak	2,150
16	Jeremy Brown	2,100
17	Saad Ghanem	2,067
18	Hao "John" Sun	2,050
19	Mazen Abdallah	2,000
	Linglin Zeng	2,000
21	Jon Hanner	1,900
22	Joe Matheson	1,875
23	Edward Mogilnicki	1,850
	Sheddy Siddiqui	1,850



**Aaron Johnson - 2018 Season 9 POY**

♣All players who cash in a MSPT event are ranked for Player of the Year points. At the end of the calendar year 2019, the top-ranked player will receive POY recognition and a \$10,000 WSOP Main Event buy-in for 2020.

♣MSPT Player of the Year points are awarded based on the total prizepool of the tournament

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# MSPT EARNINGS

Leaders as of November 16, 2019

Rank	Player Name	Amount
1	Richard Alsup	\$682,923
2	Pavel Plesuv	\$681,212
3	Michael Soyza	\$592,137
4	Blake Bohn	\$495,686
5	David Levine	\$495,500
6	Mike Shin	\$473,023
7	Thomas Boivin	\$461,505
8	Mazen Abdallah	\$445,000
9	Felipe Davila	\$427,942
10	Kou Vang	\$406,099
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	Aaron Johnson	\$369,495
17	Aaron Massey	\$369,373
18	Carl Carodenuto	\$358,241
19	Alessio Sabatini	\$356,000
20	Chris Moon	\$352,702
21	Matt Kirby	\$345,749
22	Adam Friedman	\$343,780
23	Keven Stammen	\$334,261
24	Peixin Liu	\$318,857
25	Brayden Gazlay	\$316,782
26	Matthew Stammen	\$312,298
27	Mukul Pahuja	\$308,643
28	Sean Davidson	\$306,265
29	Rob WazWaz	\$303,248
30	Michael Shelton	\$302,020
31	Jason Zarlenga	\$298,379
32	James Romero	\$297,580
33	Sheddy Siddiqui	\$297,398
34	Hao "John" Sun	\$283,786
35	Mike Shanahan	\$280,798
36	Jeremy Dresch	\$276,265
37	Chris Meyers	\$274,479
38	Lou Garza	\$269,639
39	Bobby Noel	\$262,145
40	Osama Aweida	\$242,330
41	Alex Foxen	\$239,000
42	Keith Heine	\$238,292
43	Angelina Rich	\$234,829
44	Greg Himmelbrand	\$234,062
45	Maury Solano	\$228,817
46	Richard Bai	\$226,044
47	Mark Brazis	\$221,323
48	Joni Jouhkimainen	\$221,304
49	Travis Lauson	\$220,117
50	Daniel Bekavac	\$218,366



**Rich Alsup - Minneapolis, MN**



**Pavel Plesuv - Moldova, Prague**

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- Day 1B – Friday, Dec. 6 – 3:00 PM
- Day 1C – Saturday, Dec. 7 – 3:00 PM
- Day-2 – Sunday, Dec. 8 – 11:00 AM

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# MSPT MAIN EVENT CASHES

Leaders as of November 16, 2019

Rank	Player Name	Cashes
1	Aaron Johnson	36
2	Kou Vang	32
3	Richard Alsup	28
4	Mark Hodge	25
	DJ Buckley	25
6	Blake Bohn	24
	Patrick Steele	24
8	Jason Seitz	21
9	Rob WazWaz	20
	Matt Kirby	20
11	Matt Alexander	19
	Nicholas Pupillo	19
13	Dan DQ Hendrickson	18
	Phil Mader	18
15	Jeremy Dresch	17
	Todd Melander	17
	Josh Reichard	17
18	Mark Sandness	16
	Rodger Johnson	16
	Mike Shin	16
21	Joe Matheson	15
	Everett Carlton	15
	Tom Hammers	15
	Ben Keeline	15
25	Reg Powell	14
	John Hayes	14
	Brian Zupancich	14
	Adam Lamphere	14
	John Reading	14
	Keith Heine	14
31	Dennis Stevermer	13
	Adam Friedman	13
	Michael Ernie	13
34	Brett Reichard	12
	Jeff Petronack	12
	John Pierce	12
	Joseph Barnard	12
	Craig Trost	12
	Richard Syverud	12
	Chris Meyers	12
41	Sam DeSilva	11
	Judd Greenagel	11
	James Gibson	11
	Gennady Shimelfarb	11
	Jason Bender	11
	Steve Belland	11
	Michael Deis	11
	Andrew Rubinberg	11
	Michael Ross	11
	Loki Abboud	11
	Osama Aweida	11
	Alex Winter	11



**Aaron Johnson - Red Wing, MN**



**Kou Vang - Maplewood, MN**

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