

Five Diamond World Poker Classic

Casino: Bellagio Resort and Casino

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Buy-in: \$15,000

Entry Fee: \$200

of Players: 376

Prize Pool: \$5,470,800

Final Table Date: Dec. 18, 2004

Results:

1. Daniel Negreanu \$1,795,218
2. Humberto Brenes \$898,475
3. Vinnie Landrum \$462,851
4. Jennifer Harman \$299,492
5. Steve Rassi \$217,812
6. Nam Le \$152,468

The Bellagio Resort and Casino was yet again the host of a WPT event. This time, the Five Diamond World Poker Classic made its way to one of the finest hotels in Las Vegas. The final table consisted of 6 players who grinded their way through a field of 376 players. Each one of them had their eye on the \$1,770,218 1st place prize.

The final table would be far from a stroll in the park as it consisted of only one amateur, Steve Rassi. Daniel Negreanu came into the day as the dominant chip leader with almost 7 million in chips. His next closest competitor, pro Vinnie Landrum, had a mere 1,140,000 in chips. Jennifer Harman, Humberto Brenes, and Nam Le rounded out this tough final table.

Brenes was making moves early as others were being eliminated. Nam Le went out in 6th place and was followed closely by Steve Rassi in 5th and Jennifer Harman in 4th. With 3 left, Brenes won a monster race when his pocket 3's held up against the Ac-Qc of Landrum. Landrum was crippled and was eliminated on the following hand.

The heads-up match began with Negreanu building his chip lead to almost 10 million. Brenes fought to get back into the match, but it wasn't meant to be. Both players got their money holding top pair, however, it was Negreanu who had the better kicker. After Brenes failed to improve, he was sent to the rail with an impressive 2nd place finish. Negreanu took home his 2nd WPT event of the season along with over \$1.7 million in prize money.