



CARIBBEAN POKER CLASSIC™

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\$6000+ \$300 No Limit Hold'em Main Event, November 29th, 12:00pm

Entries: 155

Prize pool: \$902,100

The Main Event at the Caribbean Poker Classic here at St. Kitts has started. With 155 entrants for \$6000+300 each, we will pay 30 places, and have a first prize of \$221,000. Off to a good start is Willie Tann. Having flopped a set of treys, he got a lot of action from someone with an unimproved AQ (almost certainly, a flush draw though) to double his 15,000 starting stack to 30K. Peter Gould had a bad start and was down to just 3700 early on, but he has doubled twice, and is even a bit above average now with about 17K.

As this is going to be a very long (4-day!) event, the action is still rather slow. This is more than anything because with blinds still at just 75-150, there is no need for people to push the panic button too soon. For now, I will keep an eye on especially some of the big names over here (Rob Varkonyi, Ram Vaswani, and of course the hot-as-a-firecracker Tony Cascarino). From tomorrow onward, the live updates will be more and more frequent, with as climax of course the final at Saturday, December 2nd.

Into the fourth level, with blinds 100-200 now, we have just had a pot where two players went to war with KK vs. AK on a flop KT5, both players 13K each in the middle. The top set said something like "Hmm.. one out or so" when looking at the extremely dead top pair / top kicker that his opponent was playing. But of course: Turn Q, river J - a straight wins. Game of skill!



155 entrants in the CPC Main Event



Flying start for Peter Jepsen, chip leader

Big names like Kathy Liebert, Robert Varkonyi, Ram Vaswani, Peter Giordano, Julian Gardner & Willie Tann have all been eliminated - and after day 1, we are now down to 58. A few special mentions:

The current chipleader is Jonas Danielsson. When looking for information about him, I found just one live tournament result by him - the \$200 no-limit hold'em at the Palms in Las Vegas, as part of the Summer Poker Series. Of course, he happened to win that one, pocketing just over \$13,000. Here at the Caribbean Poker Classic, first prize will be \$220,000.

The early chipleader Peter Jepsen had gotten off to a flying start, hitting a lot of sets in the early stages of the event. He has held on to these chips very well, and now has a stack of more than 100,000. Because of the tax situation in Peter's home country Denmark, he will be referred to as "Pete Willy" in the next couple of days.

Fellow Scandinavian Martin Wendt was not so lucky. Or, as he told me: "I went for a good bluff - but it turned out wrong." With blinds 50-100, he called a 300 total raise while holding a 65 suited. The flop came A42 rainbow, and when his opponent bet 600, Martin called - to either hit his gutshot, or else maybe take the pot away from his opponent on the turn if this player wouldn't have an ace. The turn came a 6 that created a backdoor flush draw (that Martin didn't have), giving Martin now also a pair of sixes in addition to his gutshot - and now his opponent bet 2000. Again in Martin's words: "I figured - why he is betting so much? If he has AK, why not bet 1400 or so - why bet 2000 into an 1800 pot? So, I called, thinking that if the flush card would come on the river, I might have a possible bluffing opportunity. The river indeed completed this backdoor flush, and when my opponent bet, I moved in. He called me with 99 though, having made a set of nines on the river, to win the pot. In hindsight, I of course could have won the pot if I had made a move on the flop or turn. But I didn't want to make a move too early, say before the draw had gotten there." Anyway, by going for this failed bluff attempt, the strong Dane had the questionable honor of being the first player to have been eliminated from this event.

One of the most difficult hands to play in a deep-stacked no-limit hold'em freeze-out is pocket queens. I've been told the story about the shortstacked Nikolaj R. Adamsen, also known as "Redimps". Holding an A9, he moved all-in, only to get called by this exact hand - pocket queens. Two players claimed to have folded an ace, meaning Nikolaj was drawing to not much more than a lone ace. The flop came K84, then the turn 8, and then of course the river... ace. His opponent with the queens was crippled, went all-in with the same queens later - only to run into aces, and get eliminated. And Nikolaj? Well, he is in good shape now with about 45K.

After just three hours of play, the strong Englishman Peter Gould was down to just 3700, out of the 15,000 that he had started with. He needed to go all-in twice to have an average stack again. Now at the end of day 1 he is in good shape, and one of the few experienced "known" players left in the field.

The draw for tomorrow has two highly interesting tables. For one, there is table 8, that has the strong Jan Dahl & Christian Togsverd seated next to each other, both with a large stack. And of course table 11 is the absolute Table of Firework. It has no less than four big stacks, including the two chipleaders. If this table is not broken quickly, and provided the big stacks will not try to avoid each other, then there's a good chance we will have one or two massive stacks at this table. Play has been concluded. With thanks to Thomas Kremser for providing all the data on such short notice, here are the survivors after day 1:

	SURNAME	NAME	TABLE	SEAT	CHIPS	SURSURNAME	NAME	TABLE	SEAT	CHIPS
1	Danielsson	Jonas	11	6	126600	30 O`Conell	Kevin	5	1	34800
2	Willy	Pete	11	2	107900	31 O`Dea	Eoghan	10	5	34300
3	Dahl	Jan	8	4	99300	32 Leibold	Imre	8	6	33500
4	Haugen	Fredrik	6	3	92300	33 Johns	Allan	10	3	32300
5	Togsverd	Christian	8	5	84800	34 Mace	Richard	5	6	31300
6	Wiklund	Martin	11	7	81200	35 Osborne	Matthew	6	2	30800
7	Scekic	Jovan	11	3	75700	36 Andersson	Mikael	5	9	30700
8	Gupta	Rakesh	6	6	72300	37 Eklund	Johan	5	7	28900
9	Dicken	Darrell	6	4	62400	38 Murphy	Michael	9	4	28300
10	Boon	Ryan Craig	9	6	62100	39 Karlsson	Morgan	10	6	27000
11	Lopez	Karlo	11	4	61200	40 Phago	Myles	6	9	25700
12	Grudzien	Nick	10	4	54500	41 Manole	Mihai	5	4	24800
13	Levi	Nicolas	9	5	53300	42 Löfgren	Frederik	9	7	23500
14	Di Donato	Giovanni	5	3	50800	43 Halland	Oystein	8	2	23000
15	Mc Lean	Alexander	7	2	50100	44 Collins	Adam	6	8	21000
16	Gould	Peter	6	7	49000	45 Rindeskar	Magnus	10	2	19600
17	Delaney	Peter	9	3	48600	46 Wu	Danny	6	1	17500
18	Burke	Terence	10	8	46500	47 Witteles	Todd	7	8	17200
19	Jensen	Ulrik	9	2	45200	48 Gustafsson	Björn	11	1	15600
20	Adamsen	Nikolaj	7	3	44400	49 Bensimon	Franck	7	6	13300
21	Rasmussen	Kenneth	10	1	43800	50 Mikkelsen	Jeppe	5	2	13000
22	Daniels	Peter	5	8	43700	51 Andersson	Emil	8	3	12300
23	Telford	Craig	10	7	43100	52 Bansl	Praz	8	1	12000
24	Kristensson	Marcus	6	5	42300	53 Mettern	Arnaud	7	1	11700
25	Reynolds	Andy	9	8	42300	54 Gustafsson	Thomas	11	8	11300
26	Erixon	Joel	11	5	39400	55 Dawson	John	8	7	9400
27	Tronti	Mario	9	1	37200	56 Bantock	Nick	7	4	6500
28	Lavik	Odd Bjarte	5	5	35900	57 Hunt	Ben	8	8	5400
29	Gazes	Kristy	7	7	35200	58 Kerrigan	Jim	7	5	5000

