



**2005 Caribbean Poker Classic | St. Kitts Marriott and The Royal Beach Casino
Daily Results – December 2nd, 2005**

**Championship Event Day 2
Friday, December 2nd 2pm
Players: 249
Prize pool: \$1,449,180**

The second day of the Main Event has started, with the players battling for a first prize of almost \$350,000. The unusually flat (and thus player-friendly) payout structure has just 24% going to the winner instead of the usual 30 to 40 percent.

Out of the initial 69 players, we have lost at least the following players: Emile Petit, Tony Kennerly, Andrew Husgrave, Dennis Huntley, Kasper Malmskov, John Parsons and Joackim Falk. We are now down to 58, and the final 36 players will all be in the money. And not just that: When play gets down to 36, we will have a redraw for seats, and play will continue in "Six Pak" format - meaning that from then on, play will be six-handed.

By 2:00 am, we were down to the final 17 players in the Main Event. At the televised table, Nick Gibson was just one card away from an above-average stack. Holding KK against Henning Bolstad's A♥K♥, he was in the lead until the turn, but an ace came on the river - to bust Nick out. Mika Puro has just doubled up with aces against Yucell Eminoglu's kings. And Ben Grundy has accumulated a stack of no less than 170,000. He is sitting to the immediate left of Henrik Olander with 220K, and thus has position on the chipleader.

By 5:00am we reached our final six players! In an exciting display of poker, the Six Pak proved to be a big success. There was fast and furious action, the players seemed to enjoy themselves, and the spectators had a wonderful time. I would not be surprised if we get to see many more brick and mortar tournaments with this Six Pak format.

Jeff Sharpe did himself a great favor when in a three-handed pot his KK managed to survive, and he busted out two players. Strong German Thomas Bihl got severely crippled when he lost with 99 against A♦7♦, and was finished off not much later. Ben Grundy lost valuable chips to end up in a relatively disappointing 12th place.

When we got closer to the final six, the tension started rising. With 99 against 88, Dave Colclough finished off Yucell Emioglu, who actually hit his third eight on the river, but this card also completed El Blondie's straight, the board showing QJT78.

The last person to leave was Mika Puro from Finland. In fact, in the last 90 minutes or so, he was involved in lots of key hands. Within 15 minutes, he was in a pot three times where he was dominated (A9 vs. AJ, KJ vs. KQ and JT vs. KJ), and fortunately for him he won at least the third one - because this meant he could stay alive at least for now. He even doubled up once when he won a race with 66. But in the end he would prove to be the bubble boy after all, when he raised all-in with a QT but ran into the bullets of Todd Witteles.



No Limit Hold'em \$500+\$50

Friday, December 2nd 8pm

Players: 115

The \$550 no-limit hold'em proved to be a big event with big names like Phil Laak, Jennifer Tilly and Olga Varkonyi. An English / Scandinavian domination here, with \$21,200 for first prize, \$10,600 for second, and \$6,690 for third.

1. Place	\$21,200	Phil Quayle	England
2. Place	\$10,600	Matthew Osbourne	England
3. Place	\$6,690	Mike Wilner	England
4. Place		Gunnar Johnson	Sweden
5. Place		Michele Alberti	Sweden
6. Place		Juha Helppi	Finland
7. Place		Peter Smith	England
8. Place		Mark Cooper	England
9. Place		Terry Halliday	England

Pro-Am Tournament – FINAL

Friday, December 2nd 11pm

Players: 6 (Brian Wilson, Robert Varkonyi, Steve Vadar, Xuyen Pham, Pete Giordano, and Tony Cascarino)

Down to three, Tony busted out "Bad Girl" Xuyen Pham. She limped under the gun with 44 for 1,200, and then called the 4,800 more from Tony Cascarino. When the flop came 986 and it went check / check, it seemed logical to assume that Tony had unimproved overcards. A trey on the turn, and Xuyen bet 7,500, with Tony calling. When another trey came on the river, Xuyen made a big all-in bet on the river, I assume because she was thinking her fours were good and wanted to make it look like she was buying the pot. After some deliberation, the Irishman called with an A8 - a hand he had played unconventionally, but good. After this pot, Tony had no less than 120,900 - more than two thirds of the total chips in play.

Steve Vadar was the smallest stack now, but he doubled up in a lucky manner. On a flop QJ3, Rob bet 4K, Steve raised 4K more, and the former World Champion then moved in. Rob called with JT, was trailing to Varkonyi's bullets, but caught a ten on the river to stay alive. And two hands later, he busted this exact same players, meaning we are heads up now, the chips being about 110-70 in Tony's favor.

By midnight, Tony has won! First, he was unlucky when holding A6 against Steve's A2, he actually lost when a deuce flopped. It seemed like Steve would turn things around after all, this being the second time when at a crucial stage in the event, he had gotten lucky. But then came the final hand. In a reraised pot, where had Tony made the last raise, the flop came 7♦ 4♦ K♥. It went check / check, and when the T♦ popped up on the turn, Tony bet all-in for his entire stack, with what very much looked like a steal attempt with the bare A♦ maybe. Steve thought the same and called with a QT (no diamonds). But Tony had been slowplaying on the flop with an AK (also no diamonds), and a blank on the turn gave him the title. His comment: "Hmm, I guess this is the first time I have actually won anything. In football, I never won any prize." He then smiled, and went on to call his mother, saying: "Mom, I have just gotten 100 grand richer."



