



**2005 Caribbean Poker Classic | St. Kitts Marriott and The Royal Beach Casino
Daily Results – November 25th, 2005**



**Supersatellite for Championship Event
\$200+\$20 (rebuys and add-on)
Friday, November 25th 10pm
By Rolf Slotboom**

A beautiful and sunny day today at St. Kitts - and lots of poker. The first 'real' tournament has attracted no less than 200 runners, and right now we are down to the final four tables. In the meantime, big names have qualified for the Main Event through yesterday's super satellite. The six seats were awarded to:

- Marsha Waggoner
- Marc Goodwin
- Anthony Chapman
- Mike Redivivo
- Noah Boeken
- Marcel Luske

All in all, lots of big names I would say. They will be performing in an event that is expected to be huge, and that will have LOTS of online qualifiers. For instance, InterPoker will have 60 players here, Betfair 60, and William Hill 45. In fact, on the plane here to St. Kitts I saw many young players who were going through the latest Harrington & Sklansky books to gain some more knowledge - something that many of the old-school pros would never do in public. All in all, with the many online qualifiers, and a minority of strong seasoned pros, I expect a highly interesting event at the end of next week.

After a series of stressful and prestigious events both in Europe as well as in the U.S., players decided that it was time for them to take a little break, and enjoy a nice holiday. But what would a holiday be without poker? About 300 or so top poker players have gathered in the beautiful island of St. Kitts,

situated in the Caribbean near the quite famous (for its diamonds, jewelry and lots more!) St. Thomas. I'll be frank: Until last month I had never even heard of St. Kitts. But the players here are unanimous: They simply love the place. Last year's IPF & CPC events in St. Maarten were a large success, but everyone agrees that things over here are nicer, friendlier and more luxurious. We will have a bunch of tournaments during the next ten days, with an exciting climax next week: the \$6,300 buy-in no-limit hold'em freeze-out.

Over 200 entrants have already been confirmed, making this a huge event, and the prize pool will be at least double compared to last year. As I am writing this, we have a super satellite going for this Main Event, so that all in all we may actually get 270+ runners - an amazing achievement for what can be considered 'just' a tournament in the Caribbean. And for 'just' a tournament in the sun, we have a line-up that makes your head spin. Big European players like Marcel Luske, Noah Boeken, Julian Thew and Simon Trumper to name but a few are already here. And for the Big One we will have the colorful presence of "Unabomber" Phil Laak with girlfriend (and WSOP bracelet winner!) Jennifer Tilly, and the "Magician", Antonio Esfandiari, will also be participating - so excitement is guaranteed, I would say.

Tomorrow, we will have the actual start of the tournament action. At 2 p.m. local time, there will be a \$220 no-limit hold'em freeze-out, followed by a \$170 pot-limit hold'em event at 8 p.m. with multiple rebuys. I will leave the current super satellite for what it is, and I am off to bed now, in order to shake off my little jetlag, and also to be fresh and focused again tomorrow. Frankly, I will also try to enjoy the beauties of this resort to the fullest while I'm here - so if I'm a bit late for an update, you will know where I am probably: on the beach, enjoying a cocktail or two. All in all, during the next ten days I will provide you with all the information that you need when it comes to players, hands, rumors and results - with some live action photos to go with it.