
David Soede wins Poker Down Under Final

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I play in a local \$100 Friday night game at Settlers every week run by Poker Down Under which is affiliated with Ultimate Poker Tour . At the end of the year they get the top 10 from each venue on the Coast and play in a final. It is held over 2 days. I played on Friday night 4th January at Settlers and got through to Day 2 held at Duttons (Gosford), then was fortunate to ship it on Saturday 5th. The win paid \$2,000 which wasn't bad for the \$30 addon (to double starting stack - everyone took it) I paid :) 2nd was \$1,000 and 3rd was \$500, 4th \$300 and 5th \$200 and remaining places \$150 to \$120 so I went hard for the win from the beginning and it paid off. I had the usual bad beats but also (for a change!) got lucky when 4-handed on the final table, I only had 10 x BB's so I jammed A5s from SB into the BB chip leader - he snap-called with QQ and I flopped a 5 and rivered trips to take the chip lead and dodge a bullet. I was then able to grind away and get HeadsUp with Kerry who I had been a bit confused about, watching her play through the tourney she was quite aggressive with river overbets and no showdowns so I wasn't sure what she was doing, but I finally worked it out when HU and turned my 1.1 million versus 2.2 million chip disadvantage into a 2:1 advantage my way. We got it all in with my 88 vs her AKo and the flop was AK8 to give me a set and almost the win, but the river was an Ace to give her a bigger boat :) A few hands later I cracked her Aces with 65s when I flopped a flush draw on 7s7h2s and it came 8h on the turn and 9d on the river for a straight and the win :)