

Nancy Todd Tyner Wins 2008 WPT Ladies Championship



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Despite some deep odds stacked against her, Nancy Todd Tyner successfully won the World Poker Tour Ladies league championship last night. This was a tough final table which included the likes of accomplished professional Vanessa Selbst and Van Nguyen. In the end she came from behind to beat Selbst and become the first ever WPT Ladies League Champion.

Going into this event Tyner was no stranger to the poker felt, she made a number of final tables in 2007 at some smaller buy-in events, but had yet to cash for more than a few thousand. She was widely considered a large underdog at this final table even though she started in 2nd place with 107K chips. This was because Vanessa Selbst, a 3 time WSOP final tablest with over \$200K in career winnings, had her out-chipped by 75K and even though short staked, Van Nguyen was at the table. Van is the wife of professional poker player Men "The Master" and last month became the first woman to win a WPT title in a non Ladies event. It took a while for the tournament to get heads up. In the early hands of play Tyner managed to eliminate Van Nguyen in 6th place and Donna Varlotto in 5th. Once 4 handed the remaining players began to play a very cautious style and it took a few hours for Selbst to eventually eliminate Janice Kim in 4th place and then 2 hands later send Cindy Kerslake home in 3rd.

When heads up play started the chip counts were:

Nancy Todd Tyner – 234,000

Vanessa Selbst – 216,000

The heads up portion of the tournament was a battle to say the least. In the first dozen or so hands Selbst used hyper aggressive plays to gain herself a 120K chip advantage. Tyner showed she could play the same style and used well timed aggression to pick up many small pots and keep herself in the game.

On the 126th hand of the final table the match would be decided. This hand saw Selbst move all in for 111K with A-2 vs Tyner's A-K. The board ran 5-3-3-Q-8 and Nancy Todd Tyner became the 2008 WPT Ladies League Championship

In her post tournament interview, Tyner spoke about how she had fought hard through out the event and stated, "I am a fighter, after 196 political campaigns, 42 states, 6 countries I've won 98% of them and I never take the favorite. If you read my website its always the David's vs. Goliaths, so I'm very much for the underdog, I'm used to fighting, I've been fighting my whole life, fighting doesn't bother me."

After watching this interview we decided to do some brief digging to find out who Nancy Todd Tyner is because to be honest we had not heard of her till she made this final table. According to her website nancytodd.com, "Nancy Todd Tyner is a political consultant and president of Nancy Todd, Inc., an international strategic consulting firm based in Las Vegas, Nevada." While we're not sure her stance in regards to internet gambling we're never disappointed when successful political activists win Poker Championships. So congratulations Nancy and had we known who you were in advanced we probably would've been pulling for you earlier.

Editor's note: The WPT Ladies League Championship final table will air on the Game Show Network (GSN) on Monday August 18 at 9PM Eastern Time and will re-air 3 hours later at 9PM Pacific Time.