

The South Africa Poker Open

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It was an American, Jamie Vilela who became the eventual winner after a grueling 8 hours of heads up play against one of South Africa's best loved singers Danny K. The final 10 players in the competition came in the money so none of the final table left empty handed.

The 2008 tournament will be the finale event of the brand new South African Poker Festival, which takes place in May 2008. Hosted by Robert Williamson 111 and "Cowboy" Kenna James, the 5 day event will feature a 3 day fantasy camp, Seminars, demonstrations and question and answer sessions where you finally get to learn some of the secrets of the poker pros! The Poker Open will be a \$3000 buy-in freezeout tournament, making it not only the biggest in African poker history but also the first internationally- recognized tournament held on African soil.

As always, the event will be filmed throughout so viewers can watch all the action and excitement, the tears and the successes from the comfort of their own home. Keep a look out for what promises to be a truly spectacular event, firmly cementing South Africa's rightful place at the international poker table.

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