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2008 Aussie Millions Poker Championship Day Fifteen - Saturday 19 January, 2008 Melbourne Australia - January 5-20, 2008

MELBOURNE Australia, 19 January, 2008 – 98 players returned to the Crown Casino in Melbourne on yesterday for Day 3 of the 2008 Aussie Millions 'Main Event', all striving for a spot in the top 80 paid slots and a shot at the AUD \$1.65 Million first prize. Matthew LaGarde started the day atop the leaderboard, with some of poker's biggest stars on the chase, including Mike Matusow, Jeff Lisandro, Erik Seidel, Kenna James, Erick Lindgren and Andy Black, who finished in third place at this event last year.

As the night drew on, the last few eliminations included a pair of former chip leaders. Andy Black ran **A♠ 3♦** into Erik Seidel's pocket tens to go out in 34th (\$30,000). Then Matthew LaGarde ran pocket kings into Peter Ling's pocket aces to bust in 26th (\$40,000). Matthew Stout was one of the final eliminations of Day 3 when Robert Akery's jacks held up against Stout's **K♥ Q♣** to send him to the rail in 24th (\$65,000).

22 players remained at the end of Day 3, with Antonio Casale leading the charge for the final table. The Crown Casino regular drew quite a following as the day moved along, with one local remarking "He's been playing poker at the Crown since it opened."

The top ten chip stacks looked like this as play closed on Day 3:

Antonio Casale - 1,513,000
Nico Behling - 1,306,000
Dane Lomas - 1,158,000
Max Pescatori - 1,082,000
Robert Akery - 940,000

Peter Mobbs - 908,000
Maximilian Bracht - 837,000
Michael Chrisanthopoulos - 803,000
Robert Holster - 770,000
Erik Seidel - 752,000

Event:	DAY FIFTEEN - 2008 Aussie Millions Poker Championship
Date:	Saturday 19 January, 2008
Championship Schedule:	12:30pm: Main Event Day 4 12:45pm: No Limit Holdem – 6 Handed (Two Day Event) Total Cost \$2,200 (\$2,000 Buy-In + \$200 Entry Fee) 2:30pm: Heads Up Finals
Location:	Crown Poker Room Level B2, Crown Entertainment Complex (Entry Via Clarendon Street, opposite Jeff's Shed)
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