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<p>Reigning World Champ Koray Aldemir Quietly Crushing it at 2024 WSOP</p>

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<p>Koray Aldemir is 🌝 off to a strong start at the 2024 World Ser

ies of Poker, a rare occurrence for reigning world champions.</p>

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<p>Seven months 🌝 ago, the German poker pro who resides in Austri

a won the WSOP Main Event forR\$8 million, life-changing money even for 🌝

a player who was already an accomplished grinder.</p>

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<p>At the 2024 WSOP, he's already racked up six cashes, reached two fi

nal 🌝 tables, and entered Friday ranked sixth in the Player of the Year

standings.</p>

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<p>On the surface, what Aldemir's accomplished this summer 🌝

might not seem so incredible or worth mentioning. But when you consider the past

history of Main Event champs and 🌝 how they performed at the WSOP the

following year, you'll realize how rare his performance has been.</p>

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<p>One Year After Winning: 🌝 WSOP Champs Since 2007</p>

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<p>The list of players crushing it at the World Series of Poker the year f

ollowing a Main 🌝 Event title is slim during the 21st century. In fact,

most of the world champions since 2000 haven't gone on 🌝 to accomp

lish much at the WSOP after their big win. Aldemir, on the other hand, is still

crushing it and 🌝 likely will for many years.</p>

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<p>Prior to winning the Main Event, the German poker pro had overR\$12 mill

ion in live tournament 🌝 cashes, according to Hendon Mob. So, he's

cut from a different cloth than, say, Jerry Yang, the 2007 champion who 🌝

; has just eight cashes in bracelet events in the past 15 years.</p>

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<p>WSOP Cashes in Year Following Main Event Title Since 🌝 2000<

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<p>Winner Year Player Cashes Following Year 2024 Koray Aldemir 6* 2024 Dam

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Joe Cada 0 2008 Peter 🌝 Eastgate 1 2007 Jerry Yang 0 2006 Jamie Gold 2

2005 Joe Hachem 4 2004 Greg Raymer 3 2003 Chris 🌝 Moneymaker 1 2002 Rob

ert Varkonvi 0 2001 Carlos Mortensen 0 2000 Chris Ferguson 6</p>