



**2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Seven
Horseshoe Southern Indiana
Event #12 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo
End of Day One
Buy-In: \$345
Total Entries: 86
Total Prize Pool: \$24,900
October 11, 2011**

Final Results:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
1	Matthew Chang	ROCKVILLE, MD, US	\$7,729
2	Ryan Johnson	Whiteland, IN, US	\$4,777
3	Peter Mavro	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$3,344
4	Jonathan Cary	Frankfort, KY, US	\$2,436
5	Jeremy Drewery	ARLINGTON, TN, US	\$1,792
6	Matthew Kupiec	COLLEGEVILLE, PA, US	\$1,339
7	Stephen Kats	OMAHA, NE, US	\$1,074
8	Jason Mumbach	Trumbull, CT, US	\$895
9	Joseph Marshall	LOUISVILLE, KY, US	\$769

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Matthew Chang Overcomes Past Demons in First Circuit Victory.

Elizabeth, IN (October 11, 2011)—Last year, 28-year-old Matthew Chang travelled to every stop on the WSOP Circuit in search of a gold ring. After amassing 14 cashes, Chang had three final tables to his resume, but no ring. Having bubbled two final tables already, Chang came to the twelfth and final ring event at Horseshoe Southern Indiana determined to get his prize.

Chang came to the final table as one of the middle stacks and at almost a 4 to 1 chip disadvantage on the leader, but anything can happen in a turbo. Before you could blink, Chang was heads-up holding the [10d][5d], his favorite hand, and had his opponent at risk all-in pre-flop. The hand would treat Chang well as he paired both his cards and finally got his first Circuit ring.

Joining Chang at the final table were Peter Mavro and Stephen Kats. This was Mavro's second final table in Southern Indiana and third cash. He was eliminated in third place earning \$3,344.

Kats was also making his second final table appearance and third cash, but his night ended earlier than he would have liked with a seventh place finish. He pocketed \$1,074.

Chang earned \$7,729, the coveted gold ring and 50 Circuit ranking points for his finish. He is 28-years-old and a former United States Marine. He lives in Rockville, Maryland but was born in Seoul, South Korea. After leaving the Marines, he began working as a security officer in Washington D.C. As security duty started becoming stale, his desire to travel and love of poker made the Circuit an obvious path for him to pursue. He has been following the series all over the country for about two years. Chang doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon, either.

"Hopefully I can get some more (rings) to catch up Mark "Pegasus" Smith," Chang said.

First Place:

With 10 players remaining, WSOP staff collected bio sheets from the players. As Chang handed his over he said he'd like to add more one thing, 10-5 is his favorite hand. A few hours later, the 10-5 was good enough to win Chang his first ring.

Chang's first Circuit cash was a final table in Atlantic City in 2009. Despite his best efforts, he wouldn't make another final table for over a year, and it would be another year after that before making his third. This victory was a long time coming for Chang, and he was certainly a deserving champion.

Winner Interview:

I know how bad you wanted this. What's it feel like now that you have it? – "It feels good, man. I've been wanting to get this for a long time. I've been traveling a lot to try to get it ... Last year I went to every stop that there was (on the Circuit) trying to pick up rings. Finally I got mine."

What's better, the money or the ring? – "The ring. The ring and the win. It's finally good to get one with all the rest of my friends that have one."

What is it about the ring? – "I'd rather have a ring than a trophy. It shows your accomplishment and it's prestigious. Not everybody can get one. Only a select few get one."

How long have you been travelling around pursuing a ring? – "About two years. I've seen a lot of good players and bad players win them and I knew I could do it eventually. It finally paid off. Hopefully I can get some more here to catch up with Mark "Pegasus" Smith."

Each final table throughout the 2011/2012 Circuit tour will be streamed live at WSOP.com

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