

2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season Nine

Horseshoe Casino

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Event #7

No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 184

Prize Pool: \$55,200

April 16-17, 2013



Matthew Weber Dominates Six-Handed Event

25-year-old utilizes a colossal chip stack to eliminate Jeff Fielder heads-up and earn gold ring number three.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 17, 2013) — Event 7, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed, tournament, didn't prove to be much of a test for Matthew Weber. He made his way through the 184-player field in about 13 total hours -- including a final table that lasted less than two hours -- en route to winner his third gold ring.

“Honestly, in this tournament, from the very beginning I vaulted up to 80,000 chips from the 10,000 starting stack and never looked back,” Weber said. “I was probably top three in chips the entire time. As soon as we hit dinner break and I was sitting on 150,000, I’m thinking to myself ‘this is my tournament to lose already.’”

While many less experienced players may take a different mindset of, “there’s a long way to go, anything can happen”, Weber’s past results speak volumes and his confidence wasn’t in vain.

A 25-year-old professional poker player, Weber left the professional world for the greener pastures of the poker felt a few years ago. He won his first ring in 2011 at Harrah’s Rincon and recorded a follow-up victory less than a year later in Harrah’s Tunica. In all, he’s recorded nine WSOP Circuit final tables in three years time and amassed more than \$100,000 in earnings.

His most recent victory marks his third largest score on the Circuit but it came in one of his toughest tests. Not only does the short-handed format of Event 7 require a different skill set, but Weber found himself at a final table that included two-time Circuit champion and Choctaw Main Event winner Jeff Fielder (2nd), five-time Circuit final tablist Shaun Burnett (3rd) and Chris Karambinis (7th).

When Day 1 play ended, though, only Fielder and Burnett remained to try to outlast the colossal stack of Weber who held 70 percent of the chips in play.

“Going to bed it was really comfortable having such a good head start against [Fielder and Burnett],”

Day 2 play went pretty much as planned with Weber needing only 30 minutes to eliminate the final two players. Burnett was the first to go, re-raising all-in holding [As][Ac] against Weber’s

[Ax][Jx]. A jack flopped and the stars aligned on the river as it brought a third jack, giving Weber trips and eliminating Burnett third for \$6,626.

Next was the runner-up, Fielder, whose [Ax][7x] was unable to hold up against the [Kx][Tx] of Weber as another timely river gave him a winning pair. Fielder, whose two gold ring championships matched that of Weber's at the time, was awarded \$9,377.

Weber walked with the lion's share of the prize money as well as 50 points toward the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. Additionally, he slid on his third gold ring while donning a Boston a Red Sox hat, an important note keeping in mind the tragic events that transpired in Boston a few days ago.

"I've been a Boston Red Sox fan since I was born. My grandpa lived there for quite some time," Weber explained. "[The victims in Boston] will be in my thoughts and prayers going through this tough time, as I'm sure they will be for everybody else in the country."

Event 7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament attracted 184 entries. The total prize pool came to \$55,200 and the top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. The final table was reached during level 19 and Day 2 began Wednesday at 3 p.m. with three players remaining. In all, the six-handed final table lasted about two hours over the course of two days.

Notes on the Event

- Play reached the unofficial final table of seven at the end of Level 19. By the time Day 1 concluded (at the conclusion of Level 21) just three players remained. Weber held almost 70 percent of the chips in play.
- Both Weber and Fielder were two-time WSOP Circuit champions heading into Day 2. Burnett, on the other hand, has now made five table appearances without a gold ring.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Council Bluff's 12 combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Council Bluffs:

EVENT #1: Nick Jivkov defeated 260 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,110.

EVENT #2: Jovan Sudar defeated 148 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$12,434.

EVENT #3: Zach Smith defeated 562 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$35,397.

EVENT #4: Jason Mayfield defeated 186 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,505.

EVENT #5: Ryan Krauss defeated 186 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,505.

EVENT #6: Mark Bonsack defeated 134 players (\$365 Limit O8) for \$11,254.

EVENT #7: Matthew Weber defeated 184 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$15,179.

With the seventh tournament wrapped, five more ring events remain at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. For more information about the World Series of Poker Circuit, be sure to follow us on Twitter @WSOP or check out WSOP.com. For additional information please contact:

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