

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Casino

Cincinnati, OH

Event #3

Limit Omaha Eight or Better

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

Total Entries: 148

Prize Pool: \$44,400

September 23-24, 2013



Samuel Panzica Earns Second Gold Ring

21-year-old continues hot run, pockets \$12,434 in Cincinnati. Gold bracelet winner Aaron Steury finishes seventh.

Cincinnati, OH (September 24, 2013) — Samuel Panzica won his first gold ring at Choctaw Resort in Durant, OK last year at the ripe old age of 20 years old. He went on to earn Casino Champion honors at the Palm Beach Kennel Club that same year and turned 21 in time for May's WSOP National Championship in New Orleans.

Panzica's impressive streak continued down South, finishing 16th in the season-ending tournament and pocketing better than \$17,000. Looking ahead to the 2014 season and the WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Cincinnati, nothing has changed for the now-21-year-old.

Panzica wasted little time making his way through the 148-player field in Event 3, a \$365 Limit Omaha Eight tournament, and earning his second gold ring along with \$12,434 Tuesday night. The Day 1 starting field narrowed to the final table of nine following less than 12 hours of play. Fewer than five hours into the Day 2 restart, Panzica donned gold ring number two.

"It feels good," Panzica said of his second victory. "The WSOP National Championship was a lot of fun last year. I'm going to play a few stops this year and try to qualify again."

At just 21 years of age, Panzica has racked up nine WSOP-related cashes, including two gold ring victories, four WSOP Circuit final tables, a WSOP final table and more than \$130,000 in career earnings. To top it off, his most recent accolade came at the hands of one of the most decorated final tables we've seen this year.

Panzica outlasted two-time gold ring winner John Holley (8th), gold bracelet winner Aaron Steury (7th) as well as 28-time Circuit casher and gold ring winner Joshua "Big Daddy" Pender (5th).

One of the most notable faces lurking during the late stages of play belonged to Ari Engel. Engel is a Canadian-born six-time WSOP gold ring winner with 44 WSOP-related cashes and more than \$450,000 in career earnings. Engel fell well short of his record-tying seventh WSOP gold ring victory, finishing 13th.

Event 3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Cincinnati. The \$365 Limit Omaha Eight or Better event attracted 148 entries. The total prize pool came to \$44,400 and the top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began at 2 p.m. with nine players remaining. Play finished at about 6:30 p.m. making the total duration of the final table four and a half hours.

Notes on the Event

- In addition to Horseshoe Cincinnati's first-ever WSOP Circuit stop, this marks the first time for the state of Ohio to host a major tournament series.
- Unlike most specialty events, Event 3 began at 12 p.m. in order for the tournament room to accommodate the massive re-entry restart at 2 p.m.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Casino's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

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 50 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 Casino:

EVENT #1: Cauffman Talley defeated 308 players (\$365 NLH) for \$21,716

EVENT #2: TBD

EVENT #3: Samuel Panzica defeated 148 players (\$365 Limit O8) for \$12,434

With the third tournament wrapped, nine more ring events remain at Horseshoe Cincinnati.

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Rock Gaming LLC and Caesars Entertainment Corporation have developed a \$400 million full-service casino in downtown Cincinnati. Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati, which opened in March 2013, is expected to attract nearly six million visits to downtown annually. The urban casino includes three outward facing restaurants to engage pedestrians and support existing businesses, cultural, nightlife and sports attractions downtown. Horseshoe Cincinnati employs 1,700 team members and features 2,000 slot machines, 87 table games, and a World Series of Poker room, along with a feature bar, a quick-casual eatery and a buffet restaurant. The casino also has partnerships with 10 local restaurants and 10 local hotels. During construction the development created more than 2,000 construction jobs. For more information please visit www.HorseshoeCincinnati.com.