

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Hammond

Hammond, IN

Event #3

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 465

Prize Pool: \$139,500

October 20-21, 2013



Michael Oshana Outlasts Ari Engel to Earn Gold

Six-time gold ring winner Ari Engel comes up short of record-tying seventh.

Michael Oshana makes first career WSOP-related cash count.

Hammond, IN (October 21, 2013) — First-time WSOP casher Michael Oshana wasn't intimidated by Ari Engel's six gold rings, his more than \$455,000 in earnings at the WSOP, his 46 WSOP-related cashes or his 17 final table appearances. Oshana put all that behind him and bested the Las Vegas-based pro heads-up in Event 3, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament, for his first gold ring and \$29,983 Monday at Horseshoe Casino.

"I was aware of [his accomplishments]," Oshana said of Engel. "He's a good player, but that one hand with king-nine when he had ace-queen and I flopped trip nines... He couldn't catch up to me after that."

The hand Oshana referenced came early in the heads-up match but not before a good chunk of pots already found their way to Engel's side of the table. Oshana five-bet all-in and Engel double-checked his hole cards before calling and tabling ace-queen. Oshana sheepishly flipped over king-nine and both players stood up as Engel went for history.

The carnage was quick as the flop brought two nines and gave Oshana trips as well as a commanding lead in the hand he'd never give up. Engel still held the chip lead, but the timely flop was the first of many run goods that wouldn't go his way.

"After that I was just hot and he couldn't catch up to me," Oshana said of the turning point in the match.

While the majority of the headlines during the late stages of play belonged to Engel, Oshana stole the show Monday at Horseshoe Hammond. The 25-year-old professional poker player joined the ranks of WSOP gold ring winners and scored almost \$30,000 in the process.

"Now I'm going to try it out in the Main Event. Let's see what happens," Oshana said with a smirk.

Engel earned his record-tying sixth gold ring earlier this year in a \$580 event at Foxwoods. His runner-up finish marked his second cash of the Hammond series.

Event 3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Hammond. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 465 players generating a \$139,500 prize pool. The top 54 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 started Monday at 2 p.m. with 11 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at about 3:30 p.m. and concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Notes on the Event

- Ari Engel's runner-up finish marked the second cash of the Hammond series for the six-time WSOP Circuit gold ring winner. He finished 148th in Event 1, the \$500,000 guaranteed re-entry tournament.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Hammond'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 Hammond:

EVENT #1: Robert Georato defeated 2,496 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$110,471

EVENT #2: Mark Morris defeated 546 players (\$580 NLH) for \$57,327

EVENT #3: Michael Oshana defeated 465 players (\$365 NLH) for \$29,983

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

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