

## **2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 10**

**Casino du Lac-Leamy**

**Gatineau, QC, CA**

**Event #5**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)**

**Total Entries: 173**

**Prize Pool: \$86,500**

**November 17-18, 2013**



## **Nicola Basile Wins Gold on Main Event Eve**

**Basile hits two timely rivers to stay alive before closing the book on his first Circuit victory.**

**Gatineau, QC (November 18, 2013)** — When the \$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event begins at Casino Lac-Leamy Tuesday, one player will be holding his head a little higher than the others.

Nicola Basile came to the \$580 No-Limit Hold'em final table Monday with an unimpressive 160,000 chips. He trailed the 600,000 chips of Stacy Levac and was but a blip on Levac's radar. As the tournament progressed, things didn't improve. Levac raked in pot after pot and surpassed the 1,000,000-chip mark, eventually holding about 1,400,000 of the just over 2,000,000 chips in play three handed.

When Tu Minh Huynh hit the rail third, though, Basile got his heads-up shot at Levac and it was a whole new ball game.

First, he doubled up hitting a timely straight on the river against Basile's flopped top pair. Then, an even more unlikely ace fell on the river to best Levac's pocket kings when they got all-in pre-flop.

At that time, Basile held a chip lead that would prove to insurmountable and he bested Levac just a few hands later.

The victory awarded \$23,355, a WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship. Additionally, it gives Basile an added boost of confidence heading to tomorrow's Main Event.

"I hope I take the Main Event down. I'm going to try to win the next one and keep on winning," a confident Basile said.

Basile, who lives in Toronto, became the fifth Canadian through the first five events to earn gold at Casino Lac-Leamy. Additionally, each in-the-money finisher thus far has hailed from Canada, a good sign of local support for the first-time property.

"Everybody is great," Basile said of the Lac-Leamy staff. "They're very kind and very

supportive. They offer you whatever you want.”

Basile’s victory comes on the eve of the Main Event which begins Tuesday at 12 p.m. ET. He traveled to Gatineau with his brother and some close friends and together they’ll try to keep the hot streak going and head back to Toronto with some more gold and a few more zeros in their bank accounts.

Event 5 was the fifth of 10 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Casino Lac-Leamy. The \$580 No-Limit Hold’em tournament attracted 173 players generating an \$86,500 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 12 p.m. and reached the 10-handed final table toward the end of Level 19. The finale began Monday shortly after 1 p.m. and concluded at about 5:30 p.m.

Two additional gold ring events are set to take place December 7 and 8 on EspaceJeux.com in partnership with the Lac-Leamy series, bringing the total rings awarded to 12.

### **Notes on the Event**

- Nicola Basile became the fifth Canadian winner through the first five events at Casino Lac-Leamy.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Casino Lac-Leamy’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 Casino Lac-Leamy:

EVENT #1: Aila Elouta defeated 282 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$20,303  
EVENT #2: Andrej Markovinovic defeated 167 players (\$580 NLH) for \$22,546  
EVENT #3: Marc Carpentier defeated 265 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,477  
EVENT #4: Andre Smith defeated 165 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$44,547  
EVENT #5: Nicola Basile defeated 173 players (\$580 NLH) for \$23,355

With the fifth tournament wrapped, five more ring events remain at Casino Lac-Leamy.

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