

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Lumière Place Casino

St. Louis, MO

Event #5

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 125

Prize Pool: \$62,500

March 25-26, 2013



William Otto Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring

Carter Myers Denied Ring #2

St. Louis, MO (March 26, 2014) -- In his first-ever WSOP-related cash, William Otto claimed a WSOP Circuit ring and \$17,494. He defeated Carter Myers in a heads-up battle, which began with Myers holding more than a 3:1 chip lead. Myers already owns one ring and was playing for number two. In a big all-in hand, Myers whiffed a draw, allowing Otto to double-up and take the chip lead and Myers was out-kicked on the final hand.

The entire final table played out in less than two hours. Otto had the chip lead coming in, but doubled up Paul Belken, Jr. early and it was off to the races. Oran Hayes, who has one ring, took a bad beat when his pocket 9s were cracked by pocket 7s. He finished in 8th place. Six-time ring winner Ari Engel ran his AQ into Otto's pocket Aces and busted in 7th place. Dylan Easley, who also has one ring, busted in 6th place. William Byrnes, who has two rings including one won here in 2012, hit the ropes in 4th place. There were a total of 11 Circuit rings at this final table.

This event drew 125 entrants and built a prize pool of \$62,500. The final 15 players got paid and they played down to the final nine on Day 1. Day 2 began at 2pm Wednesday and was over before 4pm. In addition to all the ring owners at the final table, freshly-minted ring bearer Justin Matt Bond, winner of Event 1, finished 12th in this event for \$1,281. This was his third cash of this series.

William Otto is a fraud investigator for a bank and feels that his job helps with his poker game -- the ability to "interrogate" opponents like he does suspects. He had some big hands on Day 1 that propelled him into the chip lead. He cracked pocket Aces in a multi-way pot with QJ when two Jacks flopped. He busted two players on that hand. Another hand he recalls is when he was holding A9 and flopped two pair. His opponent made a big bet when a third diamond hit the river. Otto made the hero call and was right -- his opponent had pocket Jacks.

Otto is also a student studying Business Administration and he's got to get back to school, so won't be able to stick around for more tournaments.

Full results are available on WSOP.com.

Final Table Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	William Otto	Waterford, MI, US	\$17,494
2	Carter Myers	BRECKENRIDGE, MI, US	\$10,819
3	Harold Evans	EVANSVILLE, IN, US	\$7,806
4	William Byrnes	WENTZVILLE, MO, US	\$5,738
5	Paul Belken	FESTUS, MO, US	\$4,288
6	Dylan Easley	FREDERICKSBURG, TX, US	\$3,263
7	Ari Engel	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$2,519
8	Oran Haynes	GRAMBLING, LA, US	\$1,981
9	Mike Burns	Oshkosh, WI, US	\$1,581

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Lumière Place Casino's twelve gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place in Atlantic City in Spring of 2014.

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 Lumière Place Casino:

EVENT #1: Matt Bond defeated 127 players (\$580 NLH) earning \$17,779
EVENT #2: Andrew Thompson defeated 813 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) earning \$47,570
EVENT #3: Kevin McColgan defeated 52 players (\$1,125 NLH) earning \$19,500
EVENT #4: Cody Brinn defeated 240 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$17,997
EVENT #5: William Otto defeated 125 players (\$580 NLH) earning \$17,494

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