

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Casino

Council Bluffs, IA

Event #5

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 141

Prize Pool: \$42,300

April 14-15, 2014



James Mullin Earns Event 5 Ring

Final table chip leader goes from first, to worst and back to first again.

Council Bluffs, IA (April 15, 2014) — James Mullin began the Event 5 final table with the chip lead, but saying it was smooth sailing would be far from the truth. Play was tight to start, with an eight-handed session that lasted the better part of three hours. In that time, Mullin's competition was able to catch up and even surpassed him by margin.

"I got knocked down really early," Mullin remembered. "[Kevin Richardson] shoved on me when I had 100,000 [chips]. I looked at one card and told him I was calling. I had ace-deuce and he had queen-four and I won that hand to get back in it, then I kind of grinded the table."

Mullin grinded all the way to a heads-up berth against Richardson, the pair trading pots back and forth before a short-stacked Richardson moved all-in holding ace-high. Mullin looked down at pocket jacks and the hand played itself. A jack on the flop gave him a set and stranglehold on the pot. A fourth jack on the river was just icing on the cake as his quads sent Richardson to the rail second.

"I'm thrilled," Mullin said. "I felt I played really well. This is certainly the biggest win I've had."

The victory in the \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament earned Mullin \$11,844, a Circuit ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship. He can hold his head high knowing it came at the hands of a decorated field that included Alex Masek, Ryan Teppen, Brett Schwertley and Chris Conrad as well as Mark Bonsack (15th) and Christopher Bibb (ninth).

"I live here in Omaha, so I don't really play anywhere else. This is my fourth Circuit event I've ever played," Mullin said following his win.

Mullin is a 43-year-old enterprise support analyst for LinkedIn. His Circuit resume now boasts two cashes amassing \$12,564 in earnings and one gold ring.

Event 5 was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 141 entries generating a \$42,300 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 12 p.m. and wrapped when the nine-handed final table was reached. Day 2 began Tuesday at 2 p.m and concluded shortly after 7:30 p.m. making the total duration of the finale five-and-a-half hours.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Council Bluffs' twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at Bally's Atlantic City May 22-24, 2014.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship 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 Council Bluffs:

EVENT #1: Jeff Esposito defeated 183 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,275

EVENT #2: Bruce Waltke defeated 178 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$14,416

EVENT #3: Stephen Kats defeated 499 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$32,181

EVENT #4: Jeremy Roldan defeated 151 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,231

EVENT #5: James Mullin defeated 141 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,844

With the fifth tournament wrapped, seven more ring events remain at Horseshoe Council Bluffs.

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