

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
The Bicycle Casino
Event #11
No Limit Hold'em Six-Handed
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 198
Total Prize Pool: \$59,400
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Mike Leah Crushes Two Events, Wins Second Circuit Ring in One Day

Ivey Poker pro continues his domination to go from zero to two rings in a 24-hour period. Leah locks up Casino Champion title and seat to the National Championship.

Los Angeles, California (March 14, 2014) – What hasn't Mike Leah accomplished in the past 24 hours? Cross the \$2 million career live tournament earnings mark? Check. Win his first Circuit ring? Check. Win his second Circuit ring? Check. Lock up the title of Casino Champion here at The Bike? Check.

The Canadian Ivey Poker pro began the day with a ring win in Event 9: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em and finished it with his second victory of the day in Event 11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo. After besting four-time Circuit ring winner Cauffman Talley during heads up play, Leah was able to clinch the title and pocket \$15,440 in first-place prize money.

Leah, whose day started as the chip lead in Event 9, earned his first ring after mowing down the final table in just over three hours. All of the while, Leah was registered for Event 10: \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em. Immediately after his victory, Leah hopped in that event to give it a shot.

"I got blinded out of the 1k while I was finishing up the other event," said Leah. "I actually ran up my stack a little bit but then ran eights into jacks to bust. I jumped in the turbo maybe an hour, hour and a half late. I ran my stack up right away and probably had the chip lead from 3 or 4 tables all of the way to the end. It's fun. It's fun when you have the chip lead."

Interestingly enough, two other players who were with him earlier in the day at the Event 9 final table joined Leah once again at the Event 11 final table. Charles "Woody" Moore and Solomon Yi, who finished Event 9 in ninth and sixth place respectively, were also among the final runners in Event 11. Ultimately, Yi racked up another sixth place finish while Moore was eliminated immediately after in fifth place.

"It was actually a really tough final table," said Leah. "There were a lot of really good players, which I actually didn't mind because I knew they all understood ICM. I could shove almost a bit more freely because I knew a lot of them weren't going to make a

mistake a gamble. Then again, they were going to all me correctly so it was good and bad. It was fun.”

The final table was also graced with the presence of ring winner Sirous Baghchehsaraie who finished seventh and noted professional Tim West who went out in fourth. Eventually, Leah found himself heads up against Talley and looking to deny him a fifth Circuit ring.

“When we got heads up I had him about 1.2 million to 700,000,” said Leah. “We both won a couple of pots each way and he was down to about six-hundred. I raise three on the button and he shoved. When I looked at my hand on the button I knew that I could open-shove, but then I feel he’s only calling me when I’m probably in bad shape. I wanted to give him a chance to shove ace-three, ace-deuce, king-three, whatever. He ended up having ace-something and the three held up. It was nice to win that flip and end it there. It’s been a long day.”

Leah’s win earned him another 50 points toward the Casino Championship, which was enough to lock up the title. Leah vaulted into the lead after winning Event 9 earlier in the day and his second win boosted his score to an unbeatable 122.5 points for the series. More than anything, Leah looks forward to participating in the National Championship.

“I’ve been to three Circuit stops in the last two years and I’ve won Casino Champion at two of them,” Leah said. “They’re fun. I’m always motivated because I like player-of-the-series stuff. It motivates me and helps me play my best every day. It gives you something to shoot for.”

Leah has shown his consistency here at The Bike and will be looking toward the future to claim his first bracelet in the National Championship

Final table results were as follows:

- 1st – Mike Leah - \$15,440
- 2nd – Cauffman Talley - \$9,540
- 3rd – Richard Green - \$6,890
- 4th – Tim West - \$5,060
- 5th – Charles “Woody” Moore - \$3,780
- 6th – Solomon Yi - \$2,870
- 7th – Sirous Baghchehsaraie - \$2,220
- 8th – Thomas Sica - \$1,740
- 9th – Nader Arfai - \$1,390

Notes on the Event

- This win locked up Mike Leah as the Casino Champion for The Bicycle Casino. He will participate in the National Championship this May.
- Leah incredibly won two rings within one 24-hour period.

- The final table was filled with familiar faces including four-time ring winner Cauffman Talley, Tim West, ring winner Woody Moore, back-to-back final table member Solomon Yi, and TJ Sica.

Mike Leah has accumulated the most overall points during The Bicycle Casino's gold ring tournaments earns the title of Casino Champion. He receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place on May 22-24 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 The Bicycle Casino:

EVENT #1: Huy Quach defeated 245 players (\$365 NLH) for \$18,000.
EVENT #2: Cory Waaland defeated 773 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$46,410.
EVENT #3: Valentin Vornicu defeated 107 players (\$580 NLH) for \$18,170.
EVENT #4: Nguyen Tran defeated 171 players (\$365 LO8) for \$13,835.
EVENT #5: Art Cadena defeated 174 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,110.
EVENT #6: Zeke Ramirez defeated 149 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,520.
EVENT #7: William Wolf defeated 170 players (\$365 NLH Six Max) for \$14,285.
EVENT #8: Shahen Martirosian defeated 167 players (\$365 NLH) for \$13,535
EVENT #9: Mike Leah defeated 121 players (\$580 NLH) for \$16,945.
EVENT #10: Edward Liu defeated 92 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$27,600
EVENT #11: Mike Leah defeated 198 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$15,440

With this, the final preliminary event in the books, \$1,675 Main Event (\$1,000,000 guaranteed prize pool) is all that remains. The Main Event is a five-day event with three starting flights. Each player is allowed a maximum of two entries into the Main Event.

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