

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Foxwoods Resort Casino  
Event #1  
No-Limit Holdem  
Buy-In: \$365  
Total Entrants: 558  
Total Prize Pool: \$167,790  
August 14-15, 2014**

## **James Watt Wins First Event at Foxwoods**

### **Aspiring Graduate Student Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring of his Career**

**Mashantucket, Conn. (August 15, 2014)** – The first of 12 events at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Foxwoods is over, and James Watt, a 26 year old from Worcester, Mass., emerged victorious to win \$35,235 and his first Circuit ring.

This is by far the largest tournament cash of Watt's career. He is mostly a cash game player, and only rarely plays tournaments. After his victory, he said he may play a few more, though, especially since he's now the front runner in the race for Casino Champion. Even if he fails in his bid to earn Casino Champion honors, he's well-positioned to earn enough points to earn an at-large berth to the 2015 National Championship. He earns 50 points for his first place finish.

Watt has aspirations beyond the poker world, however. Tomorrow, he's taking the GRE, and plans to pursue graduate studies in engineering.

Watt had a remarkably consistent final day. He started Day 2 third in chips out of 13 players, and was still third when they reached the final table an hour later. Then, when he and 2nd-place finisher Edwin Balcarcel started heads-up play, he held a substantial chip lead, about 4,600,000 to 3,500,000. Balcarcel doubled up early on, but never took the chip lead. Watt then wore down his opponent's stack, and heads-up play last only about 40 minutes.

The tournament attracted 588 players, generating a prize pool of \$167,790. It was played over two consecutive days, starting on Thursday, August 14th. Of the 588 entrants, only 13 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Friday. It took only about an hour on Day 2 to reach the nine-handed final table. The final playing session began at 1 p.m. local time. Play finished at 8:15, soon after the last two players returned from their one-hour dinner break, making the total duration of the final table a little more than 6 hours.

Full results from the event are available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

## Notes on the Event

-Four final table players had previous WSOP Circuit cashes: Richard Milo, Kevin Tsao, Tarun Gulati, and Mohd Eid

-----

At the conclusion of Event #1, James Watt jumps into the lead in the Foxwoods Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Foxwoods earns the title "Casino Champion" and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2014-2015 WSOP Circuit National Championship. The winner of the Foxwoods Main Event earns automatic entry to the WSOP National Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 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](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Foxwoods so far:

EVENT #1: James Watt defeated 558 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$35,235.

With the first tournament now wrapped up, there are still 11 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Foxwoods concludes on August 25th.

For more information about the World Series of Poker Circuit, be sure to follow us on Twitter [@WSOP](https://twitter.com/WSOP) or check out [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

For additional information please contact:

Robert Kirschen (WSOP Media Coordinator) @ [rob.kirschen@gmail.com](mailto:rob.kirschen@gmail.com).