

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Foxwoods Resort Casino

Event #5

No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 352

Total Prize Pool: \$177,548

August 17-18, 2014

William Kopp Wins Re-Entry Event at WSOP Circuit Foxwoods

Kopp Earns \$40,838, Biggest Prize of This Circuit Stop So Far

Mashantucket, Conn. (August 18, 2014) – After two long days of poker, the tournament ended in the blink of an eye. The third place finisher was knocked out, leaving William Kopp heads up against Mark Schumacher. One hand later, Kopp had all the chips on the table. He won the first World Series of Poker Circuit ring of his career and \$40,836.

This was the fifth event at the WSOP Circuit stop at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Mashantucket, Conn., and it featured the largest prize pool and largest first-place prize so far. There were two started flights for the tournament. The first attracted 183 players, and 169 played in the second, making for 352 total entries and a prize pool of \$177,518.

At times, Kopp seemed fated to win this event. After securing his ring, he recalled two key moments. “The fourth hand of this tournament I took a non-standard line with kings. I raised under the gun, and got three-bet, and I just called. I check raised the flop, and he called. I bet the turn, he called. And on the river I shoved and he folded aces, and he showed. If I would’ve played them the way I normally would’ve, I would’ve lost.” Later, he folded preflop, and it turns out if he had called, he would have been on the wrong end of a set-over-set hand against the only player at the table with more chips than him. “After that,” he said, “I felt like maybe it was my tournament.”

This is a special victory for Kopp and his family. Both his parents celebrated birthdays within the past week, and the three of them are in the midst of a birthday road trip. After watching their from the rail as he won his first WSOP Circuit ring, they have an amazing memory for a birthday gift.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Sunday. Only 48 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Monday. It took five and a half hours on Day 2 to reach the final table. The final playing session began at 2 p.m. local time. Play finished at 12:30 a.m., making the total duration of the final table about 10 and half hours.

Notes on the Event

-This is Mike Nye's second final table of the series. He finished in 3rd place in the \$1,125 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament (Event #2).

At the conclusion of Event #5, Mike Nye becomes the frontrunner in the Foxwoods Casino Champion race with 52.5 points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in Foxwoods's twelve gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Foxwoods Main Event earns an 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.

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

EVENT #1: James Watt defeated 588 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$35,235.
EVENT #2: Bassioni Hammouda defeated 143 players (\$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$40,199.
EVENT #3: Bill Delsanto defeated 140 players (\$365 Omaha Hi-Lo Eight-or-Better) for \$11,788.
EVENT #4: Joseph Delgobbo defeated 451 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$29,158.
EVENT #5: William Kopp defeated 352 entries (\$580 No-Limited Hold'em Re-entry) for \$40,836.

With the 5th tournament now wrapped up, there are still eight more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Foxwoods concludes on August 25.

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