

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Foxwoods Resort Casino
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 281
Total Prize Pool: \$84,497
August 20-21, 2014**

Michael Thibeau Wins His First WSOP Circuit Ring and Over \$20,000

James Watt Finishes 5th, Takes Casino Champion Lead

Mashantucket, Conn. (August 21, 2014) – Michael Thibeau of Whitman, Mass., won the \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Foxwoods today. His wins \$20,280 for his efforts, as well as his first WSOP Circuit ring.

Thibeau bested a field of 277 entries. Late on Day 1, there were only 10 players left, and they played for over an hour without losing another player before stopping for the night. Play resumed today, and it was almost another hour before Glen Stone was eliminated in 10th place (\$1,504), setting up the official final table.

The final table was a hard-fought affair, with tough competition in every seat. "There were some good players at the final table," Thibeau said after winning his ring. "Like [James], who won the tourney last week." James Watt (5th place - \$5,036) [won the first event at this Circuit stop](#), earning a ring of his own. With his victory last week and his final-table performance today, Watt is in the lead in the [Foxwoods Casino Champion race](#). Also at the final table was Aaron Frei (7th place - \$2,966). Frei earned Casino Champion honors at Harrah's Tunica last season.

Despite the high caliber of the competition at the final table, Thibeau was supremely confident about his chances, and remains confident about upcoming tournaments. "I'm winning the Main Event, too. I told everyone before, I was winning this one and the main."

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Wednesday. Only 10 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Thursday. It almost an hour to reach the nine-handed official final table. The final playing session began at 1 p.m. local time. Play finished at 5:10 p.m. making the total duration of the final table a little more than 4 hours.

Complete results from Event #8: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em are available [here](#).

Notes on the Event

-John Matson, who finished in 2nd place, cashed in two previous events here at Foxwoods.

At the conclusion of Event 8, James Watt becomes the front-runner in the Foxwoods Casino Champion ranks with 75 points. He earned 25 points for his 5th place in this event, vaulting him ahead of Mike Nye, who held the lead yesterday. Nye has 52.5 points. Matt Smith also has 52.5 points, and John Matson has 52.5 points as well after his runner-up finish today, but Nye holds the tie-breaker (money earned). 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-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$40,836.
EVENT #6: Matt Smith defeated 255 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$18,787.
EVENT #7: Jesse Mercado defeated 148 players (\$580 Six-Handed No-Limit Hold'em) for \$18,787.
EVENT #8: Michael Thibeau defeated 281 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$20,280.

With the 8th tournament now wrapped up, there are still four more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Foxwoods concludes on August 25.

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