

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 11
Horseshoe Baltimore
Baltimore, Md.
Event #5
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300(+\$65)
Total Entries: 219
Prize Pool: \$65,700
March 2-3, 2015**



Austin Buchanan Get His First Gold Ring

Austin Buchanan wins a well-deserved gold ring in the fifth event at the Horseshoe Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md. (March 3, 2015) -- Austin Buchanan has an impressive WSOP resume. He boasts an amazing 40 WSOP related cashes, 34 of them which are Circuit cashes. He has made 13 WSOP Circuit final tables and has more than \$300,000 in WSOP tournament earnings all in the past four years. The only thing that eluded Buchanan was a victory.

Well that has all changed now. Buchanan has picked up his first WSOP victory by winning Event #5 – \$365 No-Limit Hold'em at the Horseshoe Baltimore.

“Every time you play a final table you gain experience. The more comfortable you feel deep, the better you are going to play. Not letting the excitement of getting that far get to you is important,” said Buchanan about how his previous final table appearances helped him win the ring in Event #5.

Coming into this event, Buchanan had the second most WSOP Circuit cashes without a ring. He was only behind Dean Schultz, who has 36 cashes without a ring. This is a list Buchanan is happy to be off of and he can now focus on becoming a two-time gold ring winner.

Buchanan came into Day 2 third in chips out of the 24 remaining players. By the time the final table was reached, Buchanan still sat third in chips. He eventually found himself heads up against Jason Rogers for the gold ring. The two battled it out for about an hour and a half and when all was said and done, Buchanan had all of the chips.

This victory has done more for Buchanan than just give him his first gold ring. This victory gave Buchanan 50 more National Championship points, which skyrockets his total on the season to 162.5 points, which should be more than enough to earn him an at-large bid to the National Championship. Buchanan has played in the National Championship two time before, but did not cash either time.

Event #5 was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Baltimore. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 219 players generating a \$65,700 prize pool. The top 24 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 3 p.m. with 24 players remaining. The tournament concluded Tuesday at about 10:30 p.m.

Notes on the event:

- Jonathan Ablu (8th place) was at his fourth final table of the season.
- This marks Buchanan's 10th Circuit cash of the season.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe Baltimore's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

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 56 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 Horseshoe Baltimore:

EVENT #1: Damion Norton defeated 392 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$25,867
EVENT #2: Jesse Mills defeated 2,403 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$106,305
EVENT #3: Justin Liberto defeated 126 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$17,639
EVENT #4: Bill Glavin defeated 138 players (\$365 PLO) for \$11,589
EVENT #5: Austin Buchanan defeated 219 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$16,426

With five tournaments wrapped up, seven more ring events remain at the Horseshoe Baltimore series.

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