2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 11 Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs, Iowa Event #12 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 109 Prize Pool: \$32,700

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Yashveen Mudireddy Wins Council Bluffs Last Chance Turbo

Indian-born amateur records his first cash in eighth WSOP event played, pockets \$9,810 in series-closing event.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 19, 2015) — Yashveen Mudireddy broke through in a big way late Sunday night at Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Mudireddy, who'd played six career World Series of Poker Circuit events prior to the property's \$365 last-chance turbo, found a way to best the 109-player field and earn \$9,810 along with his first gold ring. The victory marked his first time to cash in a WSOP-related event and sent Mudireddy home with a souvenir for a lifetime.

"It feels great – more than the money," Mudireddy said of the ring. "From last year, this is my seventh attempt. I did not cash in any of those previous tournaments. I was very close in most of them. I'm very happy."

Mudireddy says his carefree attitude helped him in getting the win. Having donked off a notable stack late in Flight B to bust the property's Main Event, he didn't intend to give it a go in the last-chance turbo. Rather than head home to lick his wounds, he decided to make the most of having the Circuit at his home casino. He bought in to Event 12 and described his mindset as having nothing to lose.

"It was the last tournament, let me try it one time in Omaha. It worked out," Mudireddy said of his decision.

Mudireddy, who was born in India and now resides in nearby Omaha, Neb., works for Blue Cross Blue Shield as a software engineer. He says poker is a hobby and a passion of his, but it's far from his main source of income. Playing alongside him during his first WSOP-related cash were Henry Gingerich (8th), this season's Palm Beach Kennel Club Casino Champion Kristopher Bradshaw (3rd) and John Ross (2nd).

Event 12 was the last of the gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 no-limit hold'em turbo event attracted 109 players. The total prize pool came to \$32,700 and the top 12 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Sunday, April 19 at 12 p.m. and play concluded toward the beginning of Level 26 (~10:20 p.m.) making the total duration of the event 10 hours and 20 minutes.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Council Bluffs:

EVENT #1: David Hengen defeated 150 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,596

EVENT #2: Norman Michalek defeated 160 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$12,958

EVENT #3: Kevin McLaughlin defeated 453 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$29,223

EVENT #4: Chris Bibb defeated 122 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,249

EVENT #5: Jared Mohnen defeated 124 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,414

EVENT #6: John Reading defeated 117 players (\$365 O8) for \$10,531

EVENT #7: Mark Evans defeated 149 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$12,737

EVENT #8: Dan Lowery defeated 129 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,838

EVENT #9: Brandon Fish defeated 122 players (\$580 NLH) for \$17,078

EVENT #10 (The Main Event): Michelle Chin defeated 235 entries (\$1,675 NLH) for \$88,126

EVENT #11: Duane Gerleman defeated 89 players (\$365 NLH) for \$8,545

EVENT #12: Yashveen Mudireddy defeated 109 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$9,810

Duane Gerleman of Ridgeway, Iowa earned Casino Champion honors of the series following 1st-, 2nd-, 7th- and 14th-place finishes. In all, Gerleman earned 112.5 points toward the 12-tournament race besting second place John Reading by 17.5. The performance punches Gerleman's ticket to the 2015 National Championship where he'll compete alongside the Horseshoe Council Bluffs Main Event champion, Michelle Chin, for a piece of an up-to \$2,000,000 prize pool and a gold bracelet.

All players who cashed in ring events earned points that apply toward 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.

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