

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Foxwoods Casino

Mashantucket, CT

Event #5

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$520 (+\$60)

Total Entries: 502

Prize Pool: \$253,209

May 16-18, 2015



Jay Kovoov Takes Home First WSOP Circuit Ring

Mashantucket, CT (May 18, 2015) — The fifth event at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Foxwoods Casino was one of the headline events of the series. Featuring two starting flights on the same day, players had the opportunity to turn their \$580 buy-in into what would eventually be the \$54,445 first place prize.

Play resumed at 2pm on Day 2 with 69 players, and Bob Ricciuti was at the top of the chip counts. WSOP Circuit ring holder James Campbell burst the bubble just after 3pm, and the remaining 54 players were in the money. Five and a half hours later, it was James who would be eliminated in 11th place, kicking off the unofficial final table.

Bob Ricciuti lost a coin flip to exit in 10th place, and Dustin Denzik was next out in 9th place. Dustin now has 115 points on the leaderboard and is 61st place, leaving him just outside of the top 50 players to get seats.

Play continued at the final table, and it seemed as if most eliminations came at the hands of Jay Kovoov. Wayne Kaufmann sent Michael Savino home in 4th place with a bad beat, running out a four card straight to beat Michael's pocket queens with pocket sixes. Due to the large field size, it was decided that play would extend to a third day. At 1:30pm, the final three players bagged up their chips for the night, with Wayne having half the chips in play.

Day 3 began at 12:30pm, and 45 minutes into play, Brad St. Vincent was eliminated in 3rd place. Brad had ran his king-jack into Jay's ace-jack and couldn't find a king. Brad hopped right into Event #7 as soon as he busted, and he went on to cash in that event as well. His two cashes as well as his cash in Event #1 give him a healthy 50 points towards Casino Champion.

Wayne held a decent chip lead going into heads up play, but Jay grinded his way back before the following hand came up. On a T-7-A-6 board, Jay got all in holding 9-8, which had turned a straight against Wayne's flopped two pair. No board pair on the river meant Jay would double up to more than 2-to-1 chip lead over Wayne.

On the final hand, Wayne was all in on a Tc-Jc-6c flop holding Qh-9c but was drawing dead against Jay's Kc-8c. Jay had flopped a flush and had straight flush blockers to Wayne's hand. When the river card was dealt, Jay was declared the winner of Event #7 and awarded his first WSOP Circuit ring.

"It feels great, actually, it has not sunk in yet," Jay told us after collecting his \$54,445 payday. Jay started playing poker only two years ago. "I watched the movie '21' and started playing blackjack. I had enough with blackjack so I moved to poker." Jay considers himself primary a tournament player, and previously his biggest cash was for \$13,000.

In speaking about the final table, Jay had high regards for both Brad and Dustin. "I played at the same table as both of them on Day 1. Brad was the toughest at the final table, and Dustin was really difficult to read."

Jay, 34, holds a day job as an IT Manager. He was supposed to be working on a project this weekend but couldn't finish in time, so he decided to spend his newly found free time playing poker. He goes back to work tomorrow but plans to return to Foxwoods Casino for the Main Event.

Event #5 was the fifth of twelve gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Foxwoods Casino. The \$580 no-limit hold'em event attracted 502 players creating a \$253,209 prize pool. The top 54 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Foxwoods Casinos's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 60 expected 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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