

## **2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 12**

**Foxwoods Casino**

**Mashantucket, CT**

**Event #9**

**No Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$580**

**Total Entries: 149**

**Prize Pool: \$75,156**

**August 13, 2015**



### **Aristoteles Neto Wins His First WSOP-C Ring**

**Mashantucket, CT (August 13, 2015)** — With two thirds of the World Series of Poker Circuit at Foxwoods Resort & Casino already complete, Event #9 came to a close with a new winner and a new lead for Casino Champion. Connecticut local Aristoteles Neto took home \$21,044 and his first WSOP Circuit ring after taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Event #3 for \$6,389. The combined points he earned from the two events put him in the lead for Casino Champion with 90 points.

Unfortunately for 27 year old Neto, he holds a regular job driving commercial vehicles and won't be able to play all the remaining events on the schedule. "I've got a wedding tomorrow and work on Monday." His point lead will most likely be on defense against other players catching up.

Event #9 saw 149 entries participate in the \$580 buyin, with Foxwoods guaranteeing at least a \$75,000 prize pool. The top 15 players made the money just after 10pm on Day 1, and by the end of the day only seven players remained. Aiman Abbassi, winner of Event #7 \$365 PLO, exited at the end of Day 1 in 8<sup>th</sup> place for his second final table this series.

Day 2 action resumed at 1pm with Neto in the chip lead with half a million chips. By the first break, play was three handed, but Kwangsoo Lim had vaulted to the chip lead, while Neto had dropped to just under his Day 2 starting stack. Jeffrey Guffinkel was the short stack, but he wouldn't be next to drop. After Neto chipped up a bit, he coolered Lim when both turned two pair, Neto's queen-eight beating Lim's eight-trey. Neto doubled up and a crippled Lim went out in third place for \$9,387.

Guffinkel fought back to the chip lead, but Neto doubled through with a better ace. Then Guffinkel doubled through Neto with ace-queen against king-ten. Neto regained the chip lead once again, and the two got all in on an A-10-7 flop, Neto holding top pair against Guffinkel's open ended straight draw. Guffinkel picked up a flush draw on the turn, but bricked out the river and was eliminated in second place for \$13,010.

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](http://WSOP.com).

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