

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

**Season 12**

**Horseshoe Baltimore**

**Baltimore, MD**

**Event #3**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**

**Total Entries: 132**

**Prize Pool: \$50,000**

**August 23-24, 2015**



## **Scott Billups Conquers Event #3 Close to Home**

**Washington D.C. native wins the gold ring and \$13,998 at Horseshoe Baltimore.**

**Baltimore, MD. (August 24, 2015)** — Scott Billups is the champion of Event #3, the \$365 no-limit hold'em event that began on Sunday morning. Billups defeated a field of 132 players, storming through the final table to earn his first gold ring. In addition to the prize money and the hardware, he earned 50 points in the race for Casino Champion at this venue.

“As the song says, it’s the best day of my life,” Billups said in the moments following his win.

The 43-year-old sales professional is originally from Washington D.C., and he now makes his home in nearby Arlington, Virginia. This win is the fourth cash on his tournament record, and three of those have culminated in final table appearances. The victory at Horseshoe Baltimore is his largest career cash, but it’s not about the money for Billups.

“Oh, the ring all day,” he said, when asked which of the prizes he cherished the most. “The money is great, but it’s just a tool. The ring, and the recognition that comes along with it — that means a lot to me.”

At one point during the heads-up match with Joseph Montervino, it looked like that ring might elude him. Entering the duel with a significant chip disadvantage, Billups ran his ace-nine of clubs into his opponent’s superior ace-ten, and he was five cards from a runner-up finish. The flop came suited in clubs though, and Billups doubled up into the chip lead with the nut flush. A little more than an hour later, the battle was over.

In addition to his group of close poker friends, Billups credits his primary hobby, Muay Thai, for fortifying his game. “There’s a strong correlation,” he says. “The same mental preparation that goes into Muay Thai goes into poker. It’s an individual sport. You have to be mentally tough. Training, pushing yourself to the limits, knowing how to prepare — these are important in poker too.”

While poker is most certainly an individual game, the champion made it clear that he plays for the whole Billups family.

“My Aunt Lil introduced me to the game when I was a young kid,” Billups said. He proudly wears a tattoo bearing her name. “She brought me this game. It makes me so happy to win and know that she was the one who taught me. None of this is about the money. I just want to represent my family well.”

---

Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Baltimore. The \$365 no-limit hold'em event attracted 132 players. The prizepool was guaranteed at \$50,000, and the final 15 players finished in the money.

The tournament began at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 23, and Day 1 concluded when the final table was reached just before midnight, in the early stages of Level 19. The final table was held on Monday, August 24, starting at 2:00 p.m., and the last hand was dealt just before 6:00 p.m.

---

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Baltimore's 12 ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large bids. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

For more information about the WSOP Circuit, follow us on Twitter at [@WSOP](https://twitter.com/WSOP) or visit [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

For additional information please contact:

Eric Ramsey (WSOP Media Coordinator) at [eric\\_ramsey@me.com](mailto:eric_ramsey@me.com).