

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Horseshoe Baltimore

Baltimore, MD

Event #9

No-Limit Hold'em Turbo

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

Total Entries: 112

Prize Pool: \$33,600

August 27, 2015



John Ford Mounts a Huge Comeback to Win Event #9

Louisville, Kentucky native surges in heads-up play to win his first gold ring.

Baltimore, MD. (August 27, 2015) — John Ford is the champion of Event #9, the one-day Turbo event that was held on Thursday at Horseshoe Baltimore. Ford defeated a field of 112 players, overcoming a huge chip deficit in heads-up play to win the gold ring and \$10,079 in cash. He also earned 50 points in the race for Casino Champion at this venue.

Ford is a 28-year-old management professional from Louisville, Kentucky. Work commitments keep him from traveling to more than a couple Circuit stops per season, but he's making the most of his limited opportunities so far. He has cashed in back-to-back Main Events at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, but this performance in Baltimore was his first appearance at a Circuit final table.

"I just wanted to be patient," Ford said about his gameplan. "I had a lot of aggressive players on my left, so I couldn't do a whole lot."

Patience is a bit of a contradiction in a turbo event, and in the next breath, Ford conveyed the need to get involved in pots. "You have to take every opportunity to get chips. You can't wait around too much. I'm used to playing cash games, so it's a lot different."

Ford began the final table fourth in chips, and he was fortunate enough to find an early double-up with pocket aces. From there, he was able to cruise through the first few eliminations, but his stack began to dwindle as the table continued to shrink. He entered the heads-up match against Benjamin Sears with a 2:1 chip disadvantage, and Sears nearly put him away in the first few hands.

"I got down to 60,000 chips," Ford remembered. "Two big blinds. I think I won three all-ins in a row, and it just went from there."

The heads-up match was volatile, but Ford came out on the right side of a key confrontation, after working the stacks back to even. It was ace-queen against king-eight, and Ford flopped a pair of queens to win the largest pot of the day. When the stacks were counted down, his opponent was left with barely an ante, and the match was over one hand later.

“He played well,” Ford offered after the win. “I just made more hands than he did. The cards decided it.”

Event #9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Baltimore. The \$365 turbo event drew a field of 112 players, generating a prizepool of \$33,600. The final 12 players finished in the money.

The tournament began at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, and the final table was reached during the fifteenth level of play. The last hand was dealt at about 9:00 p.m., making the total duration of the event approximately ten hours.

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.

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