2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 12 Horseshoe S. Indiana Elizabeth, Ind. Event #6 No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 142 Prize Pool: \$42,600 October 6-7, 2015



## **Connor Graham Collects His First Gold Ring**

Connor Graham's gold ring hunch comes true and he earns \$11,928 in his first WSOP win.

**Elizabeth, Ind. (Oct. 7, 2015) --** Connor Graham made quick work of the Event #6 - \$365 No-Limit Hold'em final table on Wednesday at the Horseshoe S. Indiana casino. It took him only three hours and 30 minutes to go from third place when the final table began, to first place when the final table ended. When the tournament started, Graham had a hunch that it was his turn to win a gold ring and that hunch turned out to be correct just under a day and a half later.

"I don't know what it was. At the start of the tournament I felt like I might win the ring this time around," said Graham.

The 27-year-old from Indianapolis outlasted a final table that included two WSOP Circuit gold ring winners. Charles "Woody" Moore finished seventh in the tournament. He has one of the best WSOP Circuit records of all-time with two WSOP Circuit gold rings and more than 50 Circuit cashes. The other gold ring winner was Joseph Mattingly. Mattingly is about the hottest player at the series right now with two final tables and a gold ring. Mattingly went out in fourth place.

Graham's strategy coming into the tournament was simple. It was to win the tournament and win a WSOP Circuit gold ring. He was not about to let the money jumps steal his focus away from his primary objective.

"It was about the ring the whole time. I didn't even think about the money honestly," said Graham. "I'm not playing for the min cash, I'm here for the ring, and I got it."

According to Graham, his aggressive play paid off early in the tournament and he was able to become one of the big stacks early on Day 1. His aggressive play, semi-reckless according to some, also got him into trouble a few times when playing the big stack bully. Graham said that he "donked" off a few chips as the big stack, but worked real hard to get them back to remain in strong contention for the gold ring. He ended up finishing Day 1 third in chips.

In the end, Graham got what he came for and that was a WSOP Circuit gold ring and the biggest portion of the prize pool which came to a total of \$11,928. Graham plans to play the Main Event

and then head to the next stop on the Circuit, which is Horseshoe Hammond, to play a few events there.

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Event #6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe S. Indiana. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 142 players generating a \$42,600 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at noon and lasted 17 and one half levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with nine players remaining. The tournament concluded Wednesday at about 5:30 p.m. midway through Level 23.

Notes on the event:

- Joseph Mattingly (4th place) took the lead in the Casino Championship. He currently has 77.5 points.
- This marks Charles "Woody" Moore's 55th career Circuit cash. He is second all-time for most Circuit cashes only behind Douglas Carli.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe S. Indiana twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe S. Indiana:

EVENT #1: Joseph Mattingly defeated 167 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,527

EVENT #2: Frank Covich defeated 731 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$43,860

EVENT #3: Robert Cheung defeated 124 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$10,416

EVENT #4: Clayton Jiang defeated 105 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$9,450

EVENT #5: Cody Pack defeated 164 players (\$365 NLHE 6-Max) for \$13,776

EVENT #6: Connor Graham defeated 142 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$11,928

With the sixth tournament wrapped up, six more ring events remain at the Horseshoe S. Indiana series.

All rings at S. Indiana are furnished by <u>Jostens</u>, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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