

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Palm Beach Kennel Club
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Event #4
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 133
Prize Pool: \$39,900
February 7-8, 2016**



David Poces Grinds His Way to a Gold Ring

David Poces defeats Paul Welke in a three and a half hour heads up battle to score his first gold ring.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (February 8, 2016) -- Forget about the Super Bowl. David Poces sure did. He was grinding away Sunday night in Event #4 while the Super Bowl was going on. He was collecting chips and moving up the ranks. He finished Sunday, which was Day 1 of the tournament, second in chips out of five remaining players.

He used the time between Day 1 and Day 2 to prepare to make a serious run at the gold ring with only five players remaining.

"I was thinking about strategy and how to best play each player. I was running it in my head the whole time how they each played and how I could best play them," said Poces about preparing for Day 2.

According to Poces, things ended up panning out as he expected them to. The players he expected to bust first did and the players he expected to be his toughest competition were the last players he had to beat.

The very last player Poces had to beat was Paul Welke and it was no easy task. Poces ended up battling Welke heads up for three and half hours before he was able to accumulate all of the chips. There were points during the heads up battle where Poces fell behind Welke by a margin greater than 5:1 in chips.

Poces admitted that there were times during the heads up battle where he felt frustrated. He was able to calm himself each time through self-talk. He said that consistency and toughness is what got him to the end. Poces only had good things to say about his heads up opponent, Welke, and demonstrated that he had a great deal of respect for his game.

"It's amazing. It's what you as a poker player strive for. It's not just about the money. It's about the prestige and beating some of the top competitors," said Poces about his victory. "It is still sinking in. It's surreal," said Poces.

Event #4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Palm Beach Kennel Club. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 133 players generating a \$39,900 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 3 p.m. and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 began Monday at 2 p.m. with five players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 7:20 p.m. near the end of Level 25.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Palm Beach Kennel Club's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino 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 Global Casino 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 the Palm Beach Kennel Club:

EVENT #1: Bill Scheer defeated 421 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$27,786

EVENT #2: David May defeated 85 players (\$365 HORSE) for \$8,161

EVENT #3: Spencer Champlin defeated 926 players (\$580 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$87,980

EVENT #4 David Poces defeated 133 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$11,172

With four tournaments wrapped up, eight more ring events remain at the Palm Beach Kennel Club series.

All rings at the Palm Beach Kennel Club are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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