

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit at Foxwoods

Event #1

No-Limit Holdem

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 233

Total Prize Pool: \$69,900

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Andrew Lauer Wins Opening Event at Foxwoods Casino WSOP Circuit

Mashantucket, Connecticut (August 19, 2016) – Andrew Lauer had a lot of supporters sweating him at the final table of Event #1 today, but perhaps his #1 supporter was his mom Kate. When Andrew came into Day 2/The Unofficial Final Table of Ten, he was eighth in chips, so he told his mom not to make the hour and a half drive, and to wait and see how things went. Little did Lauer know that they would see four eliminations in the first fifteen minutes, and ultimately crown a winner in the first two hours of play.

"I'm going to have to text my mom and tell her I won, because earlier in the day when we were still ten handed she text me and told me that this was the one I was going to win. So I told her I was gonna get \$17,000 and a ring, and that I was gonna do it for her," Lauer said with a hint of emotion. "Yep...it worked out..." he trailed off.

Lauer is an online poker player that is currently #1 ranked in the state of Connecticut for online tournaments. Foxwoods is his home casino and while he has over \$38,000 in live cashes under his belt, this victory marks his first ever live tournament win.

Lauer was a little late arriving this morning. Play had already started when he took his seat, and he went on a tear right out the gate.

"I was the last one to get to the final table, everyone else already had their chips out of the bags and were ready for the start of play. I was a little later. The first hand I was the big blind and I shoved into an open with ace king, and everyone folds. The very next hand I get [kx,kx] and hold against two players holding [ax,jx] and [ax,qx]. The flop came [10x,9x,8x] giving the guy with ace jack an open ender, but I held. The third hand I get [ax,qx], then [ax,10x], then [ax,qx] again. Those were my first five hands in a row, with no hands in between."

His fifth hand, when he held [ax,qx], he called another player's pre-flop shove and was up against [kx,qx]. The flop came king high, his opponent turned two pair, but Lauer rivered a higher two pair when the ace hit.

When they were down to four handed play, John Guerriero tripled up after turning trip-kings, but the very next hand he found himself all in holding [7c,7d] against Lauer's [jc,jd], and was [eliminated in 4th place \(\\$5,808\)](#). According to Lauer, that hand was instrumental to his victory. In the end, Lauer defeated [Andrew Heckman in 2nd place \(\\$10,800\)](#) after flopping two pair, and holding against Heckman's straight draw, securing himself the ring, and 50 Casino Champion points.

When asked to explain how he feels after winning his first Circuit ring Lauer said, "I'm feeling wonderful, absolutely great," he concluded with a big smile.

Below are the results of the final table. Full results from this event are available on WSOP.com.

- 1 – Andrew Lauer - \$17,475
- 2 – Andrew Heckman - \$10,800
- 3 – Derrick Beaudreau - \$7,864
- 4 – John Guerriero - \$5,808
- 5 – Christopher Leong - \$4,369
- 6 – Marc Polito - \$3,334
- 7 – David Pimentel - \$2,580
- 8 – Caleb Clarke - \$2,027
- 9 – Lunick Desrosiers - \$1,621

At the conclusion of this event, Andrew Lauer now leads in the Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Foxwoods Casino earns the title of Casino Champion, and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2017 WSOP Global Casino Championship. The winner of the Foxwoods Main Event earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 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 Foxwoods so far:

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With this tournament now wrapped up, there are still 11 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Foxwoods concludes on August 29, 2016.

All rings at Foxwoods Casino are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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