

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Planet Hollywood Casino  
Las Vegas, NV  
Event #4  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 170  
Prize Pool: \$51,000  
August 29-30, 2016**



## **James Mink Wins Second Ring In Six-Max**

**Houston native wins \$13,769 and his second ring in \$365 no-limit hold'em six-max**

**Las Vegas, NV (August 30, 2016)** — The World Series of Poker Circuit at Planet Hollywood has seen a trend in its winners already having a ring in their trophy case. James Mink continued that trend on Tuesday afternoon by winning his second ring in the \$365 no-limit hold'em six-max event for \$13,769.

The Houston native bested a field of 170 players and topped a final table that featured three-time ring winner Charles “Woody” Moore and Ben Palmer to take home his second piece of Circuit gold.

“It’s great,” said the recently retired Mink. “I just started coming back to some of these after my retirement and I’m just starting to get back to where I feel comfortable with how people are playing. It’s fun.”

Mink’s first bracelet came back in 2011 at the Horseshoe in Tunica. He took down a \$345 HORSE tournament for his first ring. Despite having a mixed game title to his name, he still prefers to be playing big bet games.

“I don’t play much limit,” said Mink. “I like to play Omaha hi-lo. That’s probably my favorite game if I can play the game pot-limit. I really don’t ever play limit games.”

While Mink was still working for an Oilfield services company in Houston, his job and his family kept him busy and away from the poker table. But after retirement, he’s been able to get back into the game more consistently.

He admits the game has changed a little bit from when he was at the tables more consistently a few years ago. He’s had to change his style in order to win more consistently.

“My normal play is very tight and aggressive if I’ve got a really good hand,” said Mink. “But I’ve got to loosen up a bit more now because people play a few more hands that aren’t premiums because you don’t catch enough premium hands.”

He's had to make some adjustments to his game, but playing in his home game has helped his transition. It also gave him the practice he needed to go up against pros like Moore and Palmer.

"We had some really good players here. Woody was real strong and a couple of the other guys I recognized," said Mink. "But back home I play in a game with several good players and I got a lot of good players that I get to practice with."

Along with the ring, Mink earned 50 points and moves into contention for the Casino Championship title at this stop. It's now a four-way log jam at the top of the leaderboard between all four players that have won events at this stop.

This was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Planet Hollywood. The \$365 no-limit hold'em six-max event attracted 170 players. The total prize pool came to \$51,000 and the top 18 finishers were paid.

Cards got in the air on Monday, August 29 at noon and the final table was reached in the early hours of Tuesday morning around 12:30 a.m. Play wrapped up for the evening around 2:00 a.m. and six players returned on Tuesday, August 30 at 3:00 p.m. to play down to a winner. A Winner was crowned around 5:15 p.m. The duration of the final table lasted about 4.5 hours.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Planet Hollywood:

EVENT #1: Hayden Aalvik defeated 556 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$35,026

EVENT #2: Dale Beaudoin defeated 71 players (\$580 NLH) for \$12,071

EVENT #3: Vincent Moscati defeated 83 players (\$365 NLH) for \$7,968

EVENT #4: James Mink defeated 170 players (\$365 NLH Six-Max) for \$13,769

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Planet Hollywood's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title 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 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](http://WSOP.com).

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