

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, Indiana

Event #5

No-Limit Hold'em Six Max

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

Total Entries: 170

Prize Pool: \$51,000

October 3-4, 2016



Nate Bandy Wins Second Ring in One-Month Span

Newly minted tournament pro off to a hot start in his WSOP Circuit career

Elizabeth, Indiana (October 4, 2016) — Nate Bandy is the champion of Event #5 at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, defeating a field of 170 players to win his second gold ring of the young Circuit season. His performance also earned him the top prize of \$14,280 and 50 points toward the race for seats in the Global Casino Championship, bringing his cumulative total to 100 and counting.

The champ is a 38-year-old professional poker player from Chattanooga, Tennessee. That job title is a new one for him, as he only recently gave up his secular career to pursue the game full-time. Bandy was the Vice President of a large sports management company until late last year, when he sold his portion of the business to focus on poker. So far, so good for the new pro. Bandy has earned well over \$40,000 in live tournament cashes so far in 2016, collecting his first two rings in the span of less than a month. His first live victory came recently in Biloxi, where he topped a field of 127 entries to win Event #5.

“Poker has been good to me,” Bandy said as he reflected on his recent results. “It really has. I’ve played maybe 20 tournaments, so to have a second ring? I’m really happy. Very blessed.”

Despite a rough start to his tournament, Bandy began final table with the second-largest stack. By his own admission, he ran pretty well as the table shrunk. “It was just dumb luck,” he said, though that’s a significant understating of his own performance. “I came in with the second most chips, so I got to kind of watch the others duke it out.” He did sit patiently through the first three eliminations, but he’d be responsible for the last two knockouts himself.

Fellow ring winner John Ford fell in third place when his jack-nine flopped an inferior straight against Bandy’s Broadway. That left Bandy heads-up with Robert Fine, and it was another cooler that ended the match after about an hour of chipping away. On the final hand, Fine flopped two pair with seven-six, but Bandy’s ten-six turned a better two pair. The river gave both men full houses, and Fine could not find a fold with the second-best hand. The two men shook hands and

exchanged congratulations, and Bandy paced pensively around the table as he absorbed the moment.

“This is probably my proudest tournament moment, just because of what happened yesterday,” Bandy said in the postgame interview. “I didn’t have any chips for the first 10 levels. I had nothing, and I was just holding on, holding on. I played good short-stacked poker, so I’m pretty happy with that.”

Event #5 was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Southern Indiana. The \$365 six-max event drew a field of 170 players, generating a prizepool worth \$51,000. The final 18 players finished in the money.

Day 1 began at 12:00 PM on Monday, October 3 and concluded just around midnight with six players remaining. The final table was held on Tuesday, October 4 beginning at 2:00 PM, and the last hand was dealt just before 5:00 PM.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Southern Indiana’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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