

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, Indiana

Event #12

No-Limit Hold'em Turbo

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

Total Entries: 73

Prize Pool: \$21,900

October 10, 2016



Nathan Kerchief Wins First Ring, Last in Southern Indiana

Recreational player from Nashville takes a break from work, grabs a ring

Elizabeth, Indiana (October 12, 2016) — Nathan Kerchief is the champion of Event #12 at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, defeating a field of 73 players to win his first gold ring. He also earned the top prize of \$7,446 and 50 points toward the race for seats in the Global Casino Championship.

Kerchief is 38 years old, and he bartends and waits tables in Nashville, Tennessee. He's a self-admitted amateur at this game, but he clearly knows his way around the table. "I just came down here to play... for..." he stumbled as he tried to explain his decision. "...For the hell of it, really. I've only played once or twice in World Series events and I've never cashed. I came up here on a whim — I had a couple days off — and decided to test my luck, I guess."

It's a story that's often relayed by winners on the WSOP Circuit, and as has been the case many times before, that whimsical decision turned out to be a profitable one for Kerchief. The turbo format tends to keep things moving quickly, but the winner focused on a more patient game plan in the postgame interviews. "I took a lot of time and patience," he said. "I never felt like I had to rush or felt like I had to make any rash decisions. I might have had three bad plays that I wish I could have taken back. But just really small mistakes."

Kerchief was third in chips when the final table began, and his run to the ring was fairly uneventful from that point forward. He eventually found himself heads-up with a big lead against Larry Murphy, and although Murphy doubled his short stack several times during the duel, he could not stave off a runner-up finish. Less than ten hours after play began, Kerchief was posing for winner's photos and exchanging celebrations with a friend who joined him on the trip.

"I've been playing since I was a kid," Kerchief said about his poker foundations. "My grandmother used to play rummy with me and every other card game known to man. In college, we played for quarters. Twenty years later, I'm still having a good time playing."

Event #12 was the twelfth and final gold ring event on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Atlantic City. The \$365 no-limit hold'em turbo event drew a field of 73 players, generating a prizepool worth \$21,900. The final eight players finished in the money.

The tournament was held from start to finish on Monday, October 10 beginning at 12:00 PM. The last hand was dealt around 10:00 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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