

## **2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 13**

**Horseshoe Hammond**

**Hammond, Indiana**

**Event #13**

**No-Limit Hold'em Turbo**

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

**Total Entries: 183**

**Prize Pool: \$54,900**

**October 24, 2016**



## **Matt Lambrecht Wins His First Ring, Series' Last**

**Young pro gets his career off to a hot start, has a big score in his new hometown**

**Hammond, Indiana (October 27, 2016)** — Matt Lambrecht is the champion of Event #13 at Horseshoe Hammond, defeating a field of 183 players to earn his first gold ring. He also collected the top prize of \$14,275 and 50 points toward the season-long race for seats in the Global Casino Championship.

Lambrecht is 23 years old, and he's a new Chicago resident who is just a couple months into what he hopes will be a long career as a professional poker player. Fresh out of Finance school at Southern Methodist University, Lambrecht came to Chicago to pursue the game full-time, and so far, things are right on script. "My plan was to win a ring within this year, and, uh... so, that worked out," he said, grabbing the Jostens box to inspect his prize.

Although it's new as a full-time profession, Lambrecht has been playing online and live poker since he was 18 or so. Now that he has more time to dedicate to live events, the results are starting to come quickly. This win was his third cash of the series at Hammond, though the two previous were both worth less than \$1,000 apiece. Lambrecht said he played a lot of single-table tournaments surrounding last summer's WSOP in Las Vegas, and that experience was likely of some use at a volatile final table on Monday.

Because it's a one-day event, stacks are relatively short throughout these turbos, but Lambrecht found the conditions perfectly suited to his style. "Sure, it's shallow, but it was pretty playable," he said. "Even though we're like 10 big blinds deep, people are conservative. So I was able to min-raise, and call, and see a lot of flops."

Lambrecht said he won a huge pot with kings full to build a big stack in the middle of the day, and he entered the final table second in chips behind Gary Vick. Lambrecht outlasted both Vick and fellow-Chicagoan Jimmy Salaymeh to claim the series' last gold ring and the first of his young career. His three cashes at Hammond earned him a combined total of \$15,953 in winnings and 57.5 points, finishing the series in third place on the Casino Champion leaderboard.

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Event #13 was the twelfth and final gold ring event on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Hammond. The \$365 turbo no-limit hold'em event drew a field of 183 players, generating a prizepool worth \$54,900. The final 21 players finished in the money.

The tournament was held from start to finish on Monday, October 24, beginning at noon. The last hand was dealt around midnight, making the total duration of the event about 12 hours.

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All players who cashed in ring events earned points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large seats in the 2017 WSOP Global Casino Championship. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

All rings at Horseshoe Hammond are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2016/2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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