

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Horseshoe Tunica  
Tunica, Mississippi  
Event #3  
No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 1,253  
Prize Pool: \$375,900  
January 19, 2017**



## **Alex Burney Wins Big In No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry**

**With a strategic mind, Alex Burney, steered through three days of tournament poker and claimed his first gold ring.**

**Tunica, Mississippi (January 23, 2017)** – Alex Burney meticulously seized his first World Series of Poker gold ring at the Horseshoe Tunica Circuit stop on Monday. The 29-year-old navigated through a large field of 1,253 entrants to reach the top of Event #3: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry.

The tournament concluded Monday afternoon on the Bluesville Music Hall Main Stage. For Burney, the action began on Thursday though. Shortly after he entered the third and final starting leg, Flight C, his tournament life was in at risk against a superior hand of his opponent.

“I shoved with pocket sixes,” said Burney. “This was probably only a couple hours into the tournament. He had pocket jacks. I hit a six on the flop.”

From narrowly escaping an early exit, Burney grew his chip collection and finished among the leaders of Flight C. He entered the second day of the tournament as fourth in chips overall. Even though this was a good spot to be, Day 2 proved to be a difficult and extensive one for Burney. He had to make some big plays after losing a large portion of his starting stack.

“I had gotten away with a couple all-in bluffs, three-barrel river bluffs, where the opponent showed me their top pair and folded to me,” Burney recollected.

Eventually making the final table, Burney again was among the top stacks. The final table was a grueling battle that entailed many deadlock periods. Chips moved around, leaders changed frequently, and it seemed if no one could go bust.

“I think I started out as one of the bigger stacks, but none of us had any huge separation.” Burney stated. “The final table did take forever. It was a roller coaster.”

The final table took so long, an additional day was required to deem a champion. In the end, it only took about five hands on Day 3 of the tournament for Burney to walk away the victor. Along with the gold ring, he banked \$66,723, but the money was not a key focus for him.

“I definitely prefer tournaments over the cash games because I’m in it for the competition. I wasn’t real focused on the money. I wasn’t playing survival poker,” explained Burney. “For me it might as well be a freeroll because I’m just trying to beat, what was it, twelve hundred people? That’s why I’m doing it. I think that put me at an advantage.”

Between a good mindset and solid play, Burney propelled himself to a first-place finish in only his fourth of fifth live tournament. His triumph came amidst his father’s birthday, and both his parents were even in town to see the magical moment occur.

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Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Tunica series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold’em Re-Entry tournament attracted 1,253 players generating a \$375,900 prizepool. The top 135 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 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](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Horseshoe Tunica series:

EVENT #1: Jeoffrey Noblecourt defeated 218 players (\$365 NLHE One Re-Entry) for \$16,350  
EVENT #2: Juan Rodriguez defeated 119 players (\$365 PLO Re-Entry) for \$10,709  
EVENT #3: Alex Burney defeated 1.253 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$66,723  
EVENT #4: David Knuckles defeated 240 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo Re-Entry) for \$17,997

This was the fourth gold ring handed out at the Horseshoe Tunica series. Eight more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Horseshoe Tunica series are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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