

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Rio
Las Vegas, Nevada
Event #5
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 300
Prize Pool: \$90,000
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Adam Ross Wins the First Rio Turbo

Adam Ross defeats a tough final table to win \$21k and his first career gold ring.

LAS VEGAS (February 22, 2017) -- Las Vegas local Adam Ross has won the first of two turbo events at the Rio Circuit series. Ross defeated a 300-player field in just over a half days time to win \$21,595 and his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Ross defeated a tough final table that included three gold ring winners. The three gold ring winners were Bob Lauria (6th), Jim Willerson (5th), and Paul Sokoloff (4th). Willerson also has a gold bracelet to his name, which he won in 2012 by defeating a 3,166-player no-limit hold'em field for \$737k.

Ross entered the unofficial final table of 10 players second in chips, which helped him overcome the tough competition. The only player with more chips than Ross was Jimmy Lee Tidwell. It would end up being Tidwell and Ross playing heads up for the gold ring.

During heads up play the chip lead was passed back-and-forth between the two players. Ross started out with the lead and then relinquished it to Tidwell. Tidwell chipped Ross down to his last few blinds and then Ross scored a tournament saving double up with ten-six suited.

The hand started with the two players getting all of the chips in the middle preflop. Ross was holding ten-six suited and Tidwell king-jack. The flop brought a ten and a six for Ross, but he missed one of the pairs and thought he had only flopped one pair. The turn was a brick and the river was king, giving Tidwell a pair of kings. Ross reacted as if he had lost the tournament, but quickly realized that he had two pair and the winning hand.

"I thought I lost it, so to win it after I thought I lost it was next level," said Ross.

Ross didn't look back after that hand and he doubled up again through Tidwell with a flopped set of queens. Just a few hands later Ross eliminated Tidwell in second place to win the tournament.

Ross enjoys traveling and he plans to use some of his winnings to fund a few [trips](#). He plans to go to Jacksonville with a friend and he also wants to check out Portland, Oregon.

This win marked Ross' second career WSOP cash. He recorded his first career WSOP cash earlier this series for finishing in 16th place in Event #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry event for \$4,709. Ross is the early leader in the Rio Casino Championship with his gold ring victory and near miss of a final table in Event #1. He has 60 points and \$26,304 in tournament earnings so far this series.

Event #5 was the fifth of 13 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Rio. The \$365 no-limit hold'em turbo tournament attracted 300 players generating a \$90,000 prize pool. The top 30 players were paid.

It was a one-day event. The tournament began at 4 p.m. Tuesday and ended at about 4:05 a.m. Wednesday near the end of Level 31.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Rio twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry in 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Rio series:

EVENT #1: Nate Bandy defeated 1,498 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$75,364

EVENT #2: James Alexander defeated 255 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$18,744

EVENT #3: Mordechai Kirschenbaum defeated 180 players (\$365 NLHE/PLO 6 max) for \$15,124

EVENT #5: Adam Ross defeated 300 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$21,595

With five tournaments wrapped up, seven more ring events remain at the Rio series.

All rings at the Rio series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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