

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Horseshoe Hammond
Hammond, IN
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)
Total Entries: 260
Prize Pool: \$130,000
October 27-28, 2013



Two for Two: Hussain Sajwani Earns Gold

Chicago area player lays claim to two career WSOP-related cashes, both coming in the form of Hammond gold ring victories.

Hammond, IN (October 28, 2013) — Hussain Sajwani’s WSOP resume boasts a modest two cashes. On the surface, that stat would be considered notable at best.

If one were to delve a little deeper into his results, though, they’d find he made those two cashes count. The 26-year-old semi-professional poker player from the Chicago area broke through for his first cash and gold ring victory in a 2011 \$560 six-handed event in Hammond.

He remained cashless in the years since – that is, until Monday night.

He did it again in Event 11, a \$580 No-Limit Hold’em tournament, earning his second gold ring in just his second cash. In addition, the win sent him back to Chicago with \$31,851.

Despite the accolades, Sajwani admitted the victory was bittersweet.

“Overall I was trying to not go into poker as a profession. I feel like winning two [rings] is encouragement [to turn pro], though,” Sajwani admitted.

His reluctance to the side, the victory is a timely one for the 26-year-old Pakistani-born Sajwani. He was on site for many of the preliminary events and wasn’t able to record any cashes.

“This was pretty much my last event,” Sajwani said.

Sajwani outlasted a decorated field that included gold ring winner Kevin Saul (24th), two-time gold ring winner Michael “Car Wash” Schneider (5th) and the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Casino Champion Patty Till (3rd).

“[I was] more relaxed [at this final table] than last time,” Sajwani said. “There’s wasn’t as much anxiety or nervousness there. There was a plan I had in mind, so it was easier to conquer than my first time.”

The Event 11 final table concluded in the shadow of the Main Event, a tournament Sajwani was

in position to make a deep run in, but lost much of his stack to the eventual sixth-place finisher, Kevin Eyster and finished short of the money.

While Sajwani's win doesn't match Eyster's score in terms of prizes, he got the last laugh, heading home with some hardware to show for his hard work.

Event 11 was the 11th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Hammond. The \$580 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 260 players generating a \$130,000 prize pool. The top 27 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 started Monday at 2 p.m. with 10 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began shortly after that and concluded just after 7 p.m.

Notes on the Event

- The victory marks the second gold ring win for Hussein Sajwani at Horseshoe Hammond. He earned his first in a 2011 \$580 six-handed event.

The Casino Champion of the Hammond series was Micheal Oshana. Oshana followed up an Event 3 victory with a 9th-place finish in the Main Event. He earned 75 points, edging out Benjamin Keeline via the money-earned tie breaker.

All players who cashed in ring events received points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large National 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 Horseshoe Hammond:

EVENT #1: Robert Georato defeated 2,496 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$110,471
EVENT #2: Mark Morris defeated 546 players (\$580 NLH) for \$57,327
EVENT #3: Michael Oshana defeated 465 players (\$365 NLH) for \$29,983
EVENT #4: Kevin Meeusen defeated 146 players (\$365 PLO with Re-Buys) for \$35,812
EVENT #5: Janchiv Enkhyam defeated 469 players (\$365 NLH) for \$30,250
EVENT #6: Ben Keeline defeated 330 players (\$580 NLH Six-Handed) for \$41,246
EVENT #7: Jason Hill defeated 227 players (\$365 H.O.R.S.E.) for \$17,706
EVENT #8: Stanislav Barshak defeated 198 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$51,479
EVENT #9: Nickolai Orlov defeated 204 players (\$365 LO8) for \$15,914
THE MAIN EVENT: XX defeated 1,717 players (\$1,675 NLH) for \$418,526
EVENT 11: Hussain Sajwani defeated 260 players (\$580 NLH) for \$31,851

With the 11th tournament wrapped, one more ring event remains at Horseshoe Hammond.

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