

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Casino du Lac-Leamy

Gatineau, QC, CA

Event #1

No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry

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

Total Entries: 282

Prize Pool: \$84,600

November 13-14, 2013



Aila Elouta Wins Lac-Leamy Opener

26-year-old construction worker bests all-Canadian final table, earns first Circuit ring awarded in Quebec.

Gatineau, QC (November 14, 2013) — The first of 10 gold ring events taking place at Casino Lac-Leamy, located just over the river from Canada's capital city of Ottawa, is in the books. The tournament's winner, 26-year-old Canadian Aila Elouta, earns the prestigious honor of becoming the first player to win a WSOP Circuit event on Quebec soil.

"It feels great, of course," Elouta said. "I've never played a tournament like this before and I won. What can I say, man. It feels awesome."

The WSOP has had a presence in Canada for some time now, having hosted two events outside of Vancouver, but the 2013/2014 Circuit series is a first for the Lac-Leamy property and a first for Quebec.

The Canadian poker faithful knew what they were doing, though. They came out strong and weeded out all other nationalities, claiming each of the top 30 spots that finished in the money in the series opener.

The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament began Wednesday with a starting field of 282 players. Despite the intimate size, the field was packed full with talent. Canadian pros and gold bracelet winners Erik Cajelais, Charles Sylvestre and Scott Montgomery as well as mixed-game specialist Mike Leah were among those in attendance.

While his adversaries hit the rail, Cajelais, a now-16-time WSOP-related casher with more than \$1.1 million in earnings, made his way through the difficult field, grinding a short stack all the way to the final table. His run at earning gold on his home turf came up short, though, finishing fourth.

In the end, the Lac-Leamy opener belonged to Elouta, a construction worker from Ottawa.

"It was a battle," Elouta said of the star-studded field. "I stuck in there and tried my hardest and came out on top."

Lac-Leamy's reputation for attracting some of the biggest names in poker is a few years in the making. In 2012, the property hosted the satellite of all satellites – a \$25,000 BIG ONE FOR ONE DROP satellite. The event drew the who's who of Canadian pros, awarded a \$1 million seat and put Casino Lac-Leamy on the poker map.

"It's a great casino," Elouta said of the property. "I always come here. I like gambling here."

Event 1 was the first of 10 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Lac-Leamy. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament attracted 282 players generating an \$84,600 prize pool. The top 30 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 started Thursday at 1 p.m. with 18 players remaining. The 10-handed final table began at 4:30 p.m. and concluded at about 8 p.m.

Two additional gold ring events are set to take place December 7 and 8 on EspaceJeux.com in partnership with the Lac-Leamy series, bringing the total rings awarded to 12.

Notes on the Event

- Event 1 marked the first-ever WSOP-related event to take place on Quebec soil.
- Erik Cajelais, one of the most notable names in the field, lays claim to a gold bracelet and more than \$1.1 million in career earnings at the WSOP. His run at a complementary gold trophy came up short in Event 1, finishing fourth.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Casino Lac-Leamy's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive 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 Casino Lac-Leamy:

EVENT #1: Aila Elouta defeated 282 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$20,303

With the first tournament wrapped, nine more ring events remain at Casino Lac-Leamy.

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