

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Casino du Lac-Leamy

Gatineau, QC, CA

Event #8

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 158

Prize Pool: \$47,400

November 22-23, 2013



Devon Morgan Wins Event 8 at Lac-Leamy

Ottawa contractor earns \$12,798 and first gold ring in \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament.

Gatineau, QC (November 23, 2013) — Devon Morgan earned his first gold ring Saturday at Casino Lac-Leamy following a convincing performance in Event 8, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament. The Ottawa-based construction contractor pocketed \$12,798 and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

“This is wild. It’s a dream come true,” he said.

Like the Lac-Leamy property, Morgan is new to the WSOP brand. Event 8 marked just the second tournament he played and came just days after he played his first.

“It’s only my second ever World Series of Poker event. To be able to get through the field and put this ring on afterwards, it’s exciting,” he said.

Morgan was born in Manitoba and now resides in Ontario just over the river from Casino Lac-Leamy. A self-made man, Morgan owns his own business as a construction contractor, a position he’s held for the better part of a decade.

“I’m a poker fiend so I would never turn down the opportunity to come and play,” the enthusiastic amateur said. “Especially at an event like this, the World Series [of Poker].”

The Event 8 field included top Canadian pros Mike Leah and Charles Sylvestre. Sylvestre, a bracelet winner, and Leah, left their mark on the Lac-Leamy Main Event just one day prior. Both made the final table and Sylvestre went on to win the tournament and the six-figure first prize while Leah finished fifth.

Neither player finished in the money in Event 8.

Joining Morgan at the final table was chip leader Nimer Ltaif. While not quite a household name, Ltaif is making a run at Circuit greatness here in Gatineau. The Ottawa resident has now recorded four cashes at the series, including two final table appearances and a 32nd-place finish in the Main Event.

He's yet to win a gold ring though, and his most recent deep run didn't change that. He finished fourth for \$4,173.

In the end it was Morgan left to fend off Conrad Corrigan. Morgan began the duel with quite a chip deficit, but chipped away at Corrigan before finally doubling up and reversing the stacks.

On the final hand, Corrigan got his last few big blinds in holding king-four and Morgan called with jack-nine. The board brought two pair for Morgan and he fist pumped before disappearing into his rail's arms.

Event 8 was the eighth of 10 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Casino Lac-Leamy. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 158 players generating a \$47,400 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Friday at 12 p.m. and reached the 10-handed final table shortly before 1 a.m. The finale began Saturday at 1 p.m. and concluded at about 6 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

- The 10-handed final table narrowed to just two players following less than two hours of play. The heads-up battle that ensued took an additional two hours.

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

EVENT #2: Andrej Markovinovic defeated 167 players (\$580 NLH) for \$22,546

EVENT #3: Marc Carpentier defeated 265 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,477

EVENT #4: Andre Smith defeated 165 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$44,547

EVENT #5: Nicola Basile defeated 173 players (\$580 NLH) for \$23,355

EVENT #6: Garabet Dokmajian defeated 163 players (\$365 NLH) for \$13,203

THE MAIN EVENT: Charles Sylvestre defeated 371 players (\$1,675 NLH) for \$122,435

EVENT #8: Devon Morgan defeated 158 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,798

With the eighth tournament wrapped, two more ring events remain at Casino Lac-Leamy and two more on EspaceJeux.com.

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