

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Casino du Lac-Leamy
Gatineau, QC, CA
Event #9
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 237
Prize Pool: \$71,100
November 23-24, 2013**



Wire-to-Wire Win for Charles Bergeron

Young amateur enjoys sizable final table chip lead, never looks back en route to earning \$17,776 and gold ring.

Gatineau, QC (November 24, 2013) — Charles-Alexandre Bergeron began the Event 9 final table with better than a two-to-one chip lead over his closest competitor. His 779,000-chip stack amounted to almost a third of the chips in play and nearly 100 big blinds.

“It’s easier to play at a final table when you get a big stack,” Bergeron said.

While he’d go on to parlay his chip lead in the \$365 No-Limit Hold’em tournament into \$17,776 and a gold ring, it wasn’t always smooth sailing for the 22-year-old student from Trois-Riviere, QC.

During the middle stages of final table play his pocket kings clashed with an opponent’s ace-queen during an all-in preflop confrontation. The flop brought an ace and Bergeron never improved, suffering a major blow to his stack and his confidence.

“I was not nervous when I had the big lead. It was when I lost chips that made me the most nervous,” Bergeron said. “After that I had to work to get it back. I started the heads-up with a low stack, but I did it.”

In the end, he regrouped and overcame a heads-up chip disadvantage to eliminate fellow Canadian David Kapel second.

The victory came in one of the largest events of the series. The field topped out at 237 entrants and played out over two consecutive days.

“To play in a big field like that it’s really hard to get a big chip lead. I was big stacked all the way so it was easier for me,” Bergeron said.

Event 9 was the second-to-last event of the first-time Circuit series at Casino Lac-Leamy. The stop began almost two weeks ago with a \$365 No-Limit Hold’em Re-Entry tournament and player feedback has been tremendous from the get-go.

“It was really nice and the set up was awesome,” Bergeron said of the tournament area.

Bergeron is a 22-year-old student studying administration and marketing. He resides in Trois-Riviere, QC and has worked fulltime for Premier Aviation since 2008.

“I don’t have the time to play a lot of tournaments, but I’m trying to play as much as I can,” he said.

By his own estimation, he’s been playing poker for four years.

Event 9 was the ninth of 10 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Casino Lac-Leamy. The \$365 No-Limit Hold’em tournament attracted 237 players generating a \$71,100 prize pool. The top 24 players were paid.

Day 1 began Saturday at 12 p.m. and reached the 10-handed final table shortly before 1:30 a.m. The finale began Sunday at 1 p.m. and concluded at about 4:15 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

- Robert Plish (third) was the lone American at the final table. Additionally, he’s one of just five Americans to have finished in the money through the first nine events.

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

EVENT #9: Charles-Alexandre Bergeron defeated 237 players (\$365 NLH) for \$17,776

With the ninth tournament wrapped, one more ring event remains at Casino Lac-Leamy and two more on EspaceJeux.com.

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