

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Palm Beach Kennel Club

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Event #12

No-Limit Hold'em Turbo

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

Total Entries: 76

Prize Pool: \$22,800

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Edward LeBlanc Wins Last Chance Ring Event

The final Palm Beach tournament concludes with LeBlanc getting the last laugh.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (August 11, 2014) — Edward LeBlanc won the last chance ring event at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, besting 76 entries in a \$365 turbo tournament to earn his first ring and \$7,753. More than money, the win was redemption for the 27-year-old server who finished runner-up to close friend Juan Mendoza in the six-handed event just last week.

While LeBlanc was quick to recall fond memories of the heads-up match, he admitted it wore on him.

“That second-place finish was tough,” LeBlanc said. “Coming in to today I knew this was my last chance for a ring this Circuit. I’m excited.”

LeBlanc’s two deep runs earned him 87.5 points toward the Casino Championship – a figure good for second place behind Kristopher Bradshaw’s 95. For LeBlanc, though, it was less about beating Bradshaw and more about besting Mendoza.

“He’s a great guy, but I told him I was going to beat him,” LeBlanc said of his rivalry with Mendoza. “I’m definitely going to be calling him after this.”

Unfortunately for LeBlanc, Mendoza edges him out slightly via the money-earned tiebreaker utilized on the Circuit.

Gold ring events began at PBKC July 30 with the first of five starting flights in the \$500,000 guarantee re-entry opener. Avery Bass bested the 948-entry field to earn \$95,000 and the series’ first ring. From there, Tristan Wade stole the headline as the Main Event champion. He outlasted 303 in the \$1,675 finale and earned \$106,806 as well as a berth in the National Championship.

Casino Champion honors went to Bradshaw of Scottville, Mich. Bradshaw placed 49th in the re-entry opener before claiming his first gold ring in the \$1,125 event just a few days later. He then began the Main Event with a head of steam and rode it all the way to a fourth-place finish. In all, he amassed 95 points edging out LeBlanc and Mendoza by 7.5 points.

Bradshaw joins Wade to represent PBKC at the 2015 National Championship. There, they’ll compete for their share of an up-to \$2 million prize pool and a gold bracelet.

Event 12 was the last of the gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at PBKC. The \$365 no-limit hold'em turbo event attracted 76 entries. The total prize pool came to \$22,800 and the top eight players were paid.

Action began Monday at 11 a.m. The field narrowed to the final eight by 5:15 p.m. The tournament concluded at 7:30 p.m. making its total duration about eight and a half hours.

Circuit action starts up again August 14 at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut. You'll be able to follow all the action from that series right here on the Circuit Blog.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from PBKC:

EVENT #1: Avery Bass defeated 958 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$95,000
EVENT #2: Claudangelo Beaudouin defeated 101 players (\$365 PLO8) for \$9,089
EVENT #3: Joaquin Granados defeated 89 players (\$365 HORSE) for \$8,545
EVENT #4: Dolline Willis defeated 154 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,474
EVENT #5: Brian Reinert defeated 141 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,844
EVENT #6: Juan Mendoza defeated 145 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$12,397
EVENT #7: Steve Karp defeated 118 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,617
EVENT #8: Chris Conrad defeated 104 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$9,360
EVENT #9: Kristopher Bradshaw defeated 95 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$28,498
EVENT #10 (The Main Event): Tristan Wade defeated 303 entries (\$1,675 NLH) for \$106,806
EVENT #11: David MacDonald defeated 101 players (\$365 NLH) for \$9,089
EVENT #12: Edward LeBlanc defeated 76 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$7,753

Kristopher Bradshaw earned PBKC Casino Champion honors following first, fourth and 49th-place finishes totaling 95 points.

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 56 expected 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.

With the 12th tournament wrapped, gold ring events at the PBKC Circuit have concluded.

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