

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Foxwoods Resort Casino

Event #12

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 197

Total Prize Pool: \$59,239

August 24-25, 2014

Nissim Orfaly Wins \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Event for Over \$15,000

The Israeli was visiting family nearby, jumped in a tournament and won a Circuit Ring.

Mashantucket, Conn. (August 25, 2014) – Often, tournament players need to get lucky to win an event. Nissim Orfaly had to get lucky just to get a chance to play. Orfaly, who lives in Tel Aviv, Israel, doesn't play much in his home country because of a dearth of casinos, so he plays when he travels. Lucky for him, he was in the area visiting his sister, and happened to see that Foxwoods was hosting a World Series of Poker Circuit stop. He entered an event, and he'll walk away with his first WSOP Circuit ring and \$15,403.

Orfaly is not a professional player, but takes the game seriously, and after playing for seven years, this is his first significant tournament victory. "It feels great," he said afterward. "I was looking forward to it for a long time."

Orfaly entered the final table with a huge chip lead. He held almost half the chips in play. He credits two particular hands with bringing him to that point. Twice, he said, he made a big bluff and his tournament life was on the line. Both times, the bluff worked, helping propel him to the top of the chip counts. Orfaly then made the most of his chip lead, and earned his first WSOP Circuit ring.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Sunday. Only 9 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Monday.

Two other events were winding down at the same time as this one, and when they were all finished, the Circuit stop at Foxwoods had concluded. Randal Sklar earned the title of Casino Champion. Sklar made three final tables, including a victory in the \$580 No-Limit Hold'em event (Event #9). As Casino Champion, Sklar receives an automatic entry into the 2015 WSOP National Championship. Allen Kessler, as the winner of the Foxwoods Main Event, also receives an automatic entry to the National Championship. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 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 Foxwoods so far:

EVENT #1: James Watt defeated 588 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$35,235.
EVENT #2: Bassioni Hammouda defeated 143 players (\$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$40,199.
EVENT #3: Bill Delsanto defeated 140 players (\$365 Omaha Hi-Lo Eight-or-Better) for \$11,788.
EVENT #4: Joseph Delgobbo defeated 451 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$29,158.
EVENT #5: William Kopp defeated 352 entries (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$40,836.
EVENT #6: Matt Smith defeated 255 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$18,787.
EVENT #7: Jesse Mercado defeated 148 players (\$580 Six-Handed No-Limit Hold'em) for \$18,787.
EVENT #8: Michael Thibeau defeated 281 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$20,280.
EVENT #9: Randal Sklar defeated 176 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$23,969.
EVENT #10: Allen Kessler defeated 526 entries (\$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event) for \$170,031.
EVENT #11: Nissim Orfaly defeated 197 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$15,403.

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