

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit**  
**Season 11**  
**Horseshoe Baltimore**  
**Baltimore, Md.**  
**Event #10**  
**The Main Event**  
**Buy-In: \$1500 (+\$175)**  
**Total Entries: 670**  
**Prize Pool: \$1,005,000**  
**March 6-9, 2015**



## **Chris Csik Wins the Horseshoe Baltimore Main Event**

**Chris Csik defeats a 670 player field to earn the top prize of \$206,020 and berth into the National Championship**

**Baltimore, Md. (March 10, 2015)** – Chris Csik earned the biggest score of his poker career during the early hours of Tuesday morning after taking down the World Series of Poker Circuit Baltimore Main Event.

The 27-year-old poker professional took down the \$1,675 No Limit Hold'em event and topped a field of 670 players to take home \$206,020, a gold ring and a seat into the WSOP National Championship. Csik defeated Faisal Siddiqui in a heads-up battle that lasted 97 hands and outlasted a final table that included top pros Steve Karp and Roland Israelashvili, who finished in ninth and seventh place, respectively.

“It’s really just surreal,” said Csik after his win. “I couldn’t even tell you right now. It’s hard to understand the gravity of the situation. Obviously it’s a lot of money and I work hard for a score like this and it feels really cool to get it.”

Csik nearly doubles his previous career tournament earnings of \$276,523 with the win, but even though he picks up his first six-figure score, he doesn’t think much will change.

“It’s the biggest of my life, but it’s hard to say that the lifestyle is going to change,” said the Martinsville, NJ native. “Because every score that you get you think it’s going to be the be all and end all, but then you just keep looking for more and just keep going out there. I’ve been going at it a while and it’s a tough sport to stick with.”

The final day of this four-day, two starting flight event got underway on Monday at 2 pm with 13 players remaining and Csik entering the day third in chips. After Ben Foster, Roger Brooks and Theodoros Manolatos quickly hit the rail, they were combined at the unofficial final table of 10.

By the time Kevin Johnson went home in 10th place, Csik had picked up the chip lead and at the final table of nine and then never looked back.

He held that chip lead for most of the final table, but got heads-up against Siddiqui at a 2-to-1 chip disadvantage. After chipping away at the lead, he was able to score a double up with pocket

fours against Siddiqui's A-2 after getting it all in preflop and then never let go of it until he was able to river a flush and get the rest of the chips against Siddiqui's top pair.

Csik also earned the distinction of winning the first WSOP Circuit main event in the state of Maryland, which had plenty of top tier pros come out for. Aside from Karp and Israelashvili, Phil Hellmuth, Christian Harder, Nathan Tuthill, Joe McKeehen, and Amanda Musmeci all made their way to Baltimore and earned a cash in the event. Other top pros to play the event included Darryll Fish, Vinny Pahuja, Ralph Massey, Jake Schwartz and Timothy Miles.

"There were some great players," said Csik of the field strength in Baltimore. "Especially towards the end. But you were deep and you had plenty of room to work with."

The Main Event was the 10th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Baltimore. The \$1,675 no-limit hold'em event attracted 670 entries. The total prize pool came to \$1,005,000 and the top 72 players were paid.

The tournament featured two starting flights beginning Friday, March 6 at 11 noon and Saturday, March 7 at 11 noon Flight A drew 279 entries and advanced 90 while Flight B attracted 378 and advanced 120. There were 13 players that bought directly into Day 2.

Play restarted Sunday at 12 p.m. with 223 players. Day 2 wrapped up at about 3:30 a.m. with 13 players remaining.

Day 3 began Monday at 2 p.m. and concluded Tuesday at 3 a.m. in the middle of Level 34.

Day 3 seating assignments and chip counts:

*Action began near the end of Level 28 – 25,000/50,000 with a 5,000 ante*

Seat 1: Faisal Siddiqui – 3,090,000 (61 BBs)  
Seat 2: Danny Fisher – 765,000 (15 BBs)  
Seat 3: Jonathan Gilliam – 1,460,000 (29 BBs)  
Seat 4: Jason Rogers – 1,370,000 (27 BBs)  
Seat 5: Chris Csik – 3,515,000 (70 BBs)  
Seat 6: John Moore – 835,000 (16 BBs)  
Seat 7: Roland Israelashvili – 840,000 (16 BBs)  
Seat 8: Trevor Deeter – 1,000,000 (20 BBs)  
Seat 9: Steve Karp – 615,000 (12 BBs)

### **About the Final Table:**

1st: Chris Csik - \$206,020  
Hometown: Martinsville, N.J.  
Age: 27  
Occupation: Professional Poker Player  
Circuit Earnings: \$8,851

2nd: Faisal Siddiqui - \$127,484  
Hometown: Annandale, Va.  
Age: 47  
Occupation: Management  
Circuit Earnings: \$843

3rd: Danny Fisher - \$93,505  
Hometown: Frederick, Md.  
Age: 38  
Occupation: Poker/Electrician  
Circuit Earnings: \$0

4th: Jonathan Gilliam - \$69,536  
Hometown: Rosedale, Md.  
Age: 29  
Occupation: Military/Business Owner  
Circuit Earnings: \$1,625

5th: Jason Rogers - \$52,411  
Hometown: Raleigh, N.C.  
Age: 44  
Occupation: Small Business Owner  
Circuit Earnings: \$10,152

6th: John Moore - \$40,029  
Hometown: Baltimore, Md.  
Age: 27  
Occupation: Professional Poker Player  
Circuit Earnings: \$1,305

7th: Roland Israelashvili - \$30,974  
Hometown: New York, N.Y.  
Age: 57  
Occupation: Professional Poker Player  
Circuit Earnings: \$411,643

8th: Trevor Deeter - \$24,281  
Hometown: Longhorne, Pa.  
Age: 30  
Circuit Earnings: \$106,380

9th: Steve Karp - \$19,276  
Hometown: Eastern Shores, Fla.  
Age: 37  
Occupation: Professional Poker Player  
Circuit Earnings: \$79,861

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Horseshoe Baltimore series:

EVENT #1: Damion Norton defeated 392 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$25,867  
EVENT #2: Jesse Mills defeated 2,403 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$106,305  
EVENT #3: Justin Liberto defeated 126 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$17,639  
EVENT #4: Bill Glavin defeated 138 players (\$365 PLO) for \$11,589  
EVENT #5: Austin Buchanan defeated 219 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$16,426  
EVENT #6: Baruch Thaler defeated 203 players (\$365 NLHE 6 Max) for \$16,745  
EVENT #7: Adel Shakerian defeated 128 players (\$365 H.O.R.S.E.) for \$10,753  
EVENT #8: Jeromy Bittan defeated 140 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$19,600  
EVENT #9: Jason Sandling defeated 186 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,505  
MAIN EVENT: Chris Csik defeated 670 players (\$1,675 NLHE) for \$206,020

Justin Liberto earned the Casino Champion honors following three cashes, all of which were final tables, and one gold ring performance totaling 100 points. He's set to join the Horseshoe Baltimore Main Event champion at the National Championship. There, they'll play for their share of an up-to \$2 million prize pool and a gold bracelet.

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 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](http://WSOP.com).

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