

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 11
Lumiere Place Casino and Hotels
St. Louis, Mo.
Event #12
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 96
Prize Pool: \$28,800
March 2, 2015**



Ryan Tepen Wins Lumiere Last Chance Ring

Missouri pro now a two-time ring winner, bests bracelet winner Chris Tryba heads up in \$365 no-limit hold'em turbo tournament.

St. Louis, Mo. (March 2, 2015) — Ryan Tepen earned his second career gold ring in his home state of Missouri Monday night at Lumiere Place. The victory, which came in Event 12 of the property's 12-day World Series of Poker Circuit, a \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament, earned Tepen \$8,638 as well 50 points toward the National Championship, and of course, a complementary gold ring.

"It's awesome. I always wanted to do well in my hometown [...] It feels good to win at home, even though I think a lot of people here at home don't really know me," Tepen laughed.

Like his second, Tepen's first Circuit victory came in a last-chance ring event that played out alongside the property's Main event and boasted a modest field of only 100 players or so. When asked what he was doing right against those modest-sized fields, Tepen kept the lighthearted attitude going.

"All the good players already left, so I got a chance," he joked.

In reality, Tepen outlasted a star-studded field in Event 12 that included Duane Gerleman (12th), Heather Alcorn (11th), Byron Tipton (10th), BJ McBrayer (ninth), Neil Scott (eighth) and Claude Purches (fourth). The cream of the final table crop was none other than bracelet winner Chris Tryba who gave Tepen a run for his money heads up before finishing second for \$5,340.

"I guess [the second ring] is a little bit better [than the first] because I got to play a really good opponent heads up in Tryba," Tepen said. "That was a lot of fun playing with him and battling it out with a really good professional."

Tepen is 29 years old and resides in Bowling Green, Mo. His Event 12 victory marks his 34th WSOP-related cash and moves him over \$210,000 in career earnings. With the win comes the end of the Lumiere Place Circuit series. Gold ring events began February 19 and were headlined by the Main Event champion, St. Louis' own Josh Turner. Turner bested 415 in the property's \$1,675 finale to earn more than \$136,000 along with his second ring of the season and a berth in

the National Championship where he'll join the Lumiere Casino Champion, Jesse Watson, to compete for an up-to \$2,000,000 prize pool and a gold bracelet.

Event 12 was the last of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Lumiere Place. The \$365 no-limit hold'em turbo event attracted 96 players. The total prize pool came to \$28,800 and the top 12 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Monday, March 2 at 12 p.m. and play narrowed to the 10-handed final table by about 7:45 p.m. Action concluded at roughly 9:30 p.m. making the total duration of the event nine and a half hours.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Lumiere Place:

EVENT #1: Eric Montgomery defeated 234 players (\$365 NLH) for \$17,551
EVENT #2: Mario Webster defeated 792 entries (\$365 NLH re-entry) for \$47,520
EVENT #3: Nicholas Pupillo defeated 104 players (\$580 NLH) for \$15,600
EVENT #4: Charlie Dawson defeated 181 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,118
EVENT #5: Jesse Watson defeated 187 players (\$365 NLH Six Handed) for \$15,428
EVENT #6: Bradley Coultas defeated 193 players (\$365 NLH Black Chip Bounty) for \$10,036
EVENT #7: Kevin McColgan defeated 183 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,275
EVENT #8: Karl Sederberg defeated 128 players (\$365 PLO) for \$10,752
EVENT #9 (Main Event): Josh Turner defeated 415 entries (\$1,675 NLH) for \$136,945
EVENT #10: Kyle Hogan defeated 150 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,596
EVENT #11: Peter Brooks defeated 110 players (\$365 NLH) for \$9,901
EVENT #12: Ryan Tepen defeated 96 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$8,638

Jesse Watson of Canton, Ill. earned Casino Champion honors of the Lumiere Place series following first- and 41st-place finishes in preliminary events with a fourth-place finish in the Main Event. In all, Watson earned 95 points toward the 12-tournament race, besting second place Mark Fledderman by 20. The performance punches Watson's ticket to the 2015 National Championship where he'll compete alongside the Lumiere Place Main Event champion, Josh Turner, for a piece of an up-to \$2 million prize pool and a gold bracelet.

All players who cashed in ring events earned points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 56 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.

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