

## 2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Horseshoe Baltimore

Baltimore, MD

Event #4

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 130

Prize Pool: \$39,000

August 24-25, 2015



## Stephen Miller Wins Circuit Gold in Event #4

**Local poker dealer defeats close friend heads-up to win \$10,919 and the gold ring.**

**Baltimore, MD. (August 25, 2015)** — Stephen Miller is the champion of Event #4, the \$365 no-limit hold'em event that began on Monday morning. Miller defeated a field of 130 players to win his first gold ring at his second career WSOP Circuit final table. In addition to the cash and the jewelry, Miller earned 50 points in the race for Casino Champion at Horseshoe Baltimore.

The champ is a Baltimore native who deals poker at a local casino, and he entered the final table in fifth place of the nine remaining players. Thanks to a midday surge, Miller was able to cruise into heads-up play, where he was pitted against his good friend and former colleague, Karim Baruque.

Baruque had already final tabled one event during the series, and to hear Miller tell it, he may have been the favorite to win the heads-up match. "Karim's super tough," he said. "Any time Karim has chips, he's dangerous."

Miller went on to elaborate a bit more about their relationship. "We're good friends, we talk poker, and I have the utmost respect for his game. He's probably one of the better... one of the *best* poker players I know personally. I knew it was going to be tough."

It certainly wasn't easy. Miller entered heads-up play facing a 3:2 chip disadvantage, but the back-and-forth match eventually started to tilt in his favor. The two men sparred for well over an hour before settling the score. On the last hand, Baruque was dealt ace-king, and Miller was dealt pocket eights, flipping for the title. The eights found a set on the flop, and Miller was never in jeopardy thereafter. Two cards later, the two men were shaking hands and congratulating each other, as Miller collected the final pot of the day.

"I couldn't ask for a better scenario," he said in the moments after his victory. "Being buddies with Karim and getting to play against him heads-up. It was really cool."

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Event #4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Baltimore. The \$365 no-limit hold'em event attracted 130 players, generating a prizepool of \$39,000. The final 15 players finished in the money.

The tournament began at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 24, and Day 1 concluded when the final table was reached shortly before midnight. The final table was held on Tuesday, August 25, starting at 2:00 p.m., and the last hand was dealt just before 6:00 p.m., making the total duration of the final table nearly four hours.

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The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Baltimore's 12 ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large bids. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

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