

## **2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 12**

**Horseshoe Casino**

**Hammond, Ind.**

**High Roller – Event #11**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$5,000 (+\$300)**

**Total Entries: 54**

**Prize Pool: \$270,000**

**October 25-26, 2015**



## **Zachery Schneider Wins First-Ever \$5,300 High Roller**

**Online pro experiences success in the live game, earns \$101,250.**

**Hammond, Ind. (October 27, 2015)** — In a post Black-Friday U.S. poker environment, it is very rare for a relative unknown online pro to breakout and have a six-figure score in the biggest buy-in event that the World Series of Poker Circuit offers. But after spending the majority of his seven-year professional poker career online, Zachery Schneider put his stamp on the live arena by topping a field of 54 and winning \$101,250 in the \$5,300 WSOP Hammond High Roller.

“I’ve had my eye on this event for a couple weeks,” said the 31 year-old Harvard, Ill. native. “It feels good to finish it off the way I wanted to.”

Schneider finished Day 1 of this event as the chip leader and was able to take that momentum into Day 2. He held steady at the top of the counts all day and eventually got down to heads-up against a fellow professional, Brandon Fish.

“He’s a pretty accomplished player,” said Schneider of his heads-up opponent. “I had a chance to look at his results before Day 2 started and I knew he’d be a tough match. I thought he played really well.”

Schneider entered heads-up play against Fish with a slight chip disadvantage and Fish had the best of it in the early goings of the match. But after Schneider doubled up with pocket queens against Fish’s pocket nines, he took the chip lead and never let it go.

After a long, three-hour heads-up battle, Fish’s Q-J couldn’t top Schneider’s A-7 and Schneider had locked up by far his biggest tournament score.

“I don’t have any live results really,” said Schneider. “Maybe \$12,000 was my biggest score, but I’m a very accomplished online player. In terms of \$100,000, it’s my biggest score ever. It’s fairly life changing. It’s nice to get my first trademark win. It’s a good day.”

Schneider waded through an original starting field that was littered with professional players. Blake Bohn, Aaron Massey, Cord Garcia, Daniel Weinman, and Harrison Gimbel were just a few of the notable pros that Schneider had to outlast to make it to the final table en route to his victory.

While he may be a bit biased leaving Horseshoe Hammond with a six-figure payday, Schneider thinks that these \$5,300 No Limit Hold'em High Roller events would catch on at other Circuit stops.

"Clearly I think it's great considering I won," said Schneider. "I think it's a good concept. Overall, I think it went pretty well and I can see it being a huge success the way the other high rollers around the other tours are going. It seems like a pretty good idea."

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Event #11 was the 11th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe. The \$5,300 High Roller tournament attracted 54 players. The total prize pool came to \$270,000 and the top six finishers were paid.

The tournament began Sunday, October 25 at 5 p.m. CT and Day 1 wrapped following Level 12. Day 2 resumed the following day at 2 p.m. with 22 players remaining and action concluded at 12:30 a.m.

Final results:

1st: Zachery Schneider - \$101,250 + Circuit gold ring  
2nd: Brandon Fish - \$62,640  
3rd: Matthew Shepsky - \$41,040  
4th: Jared Palmer - \$28,350  
5th: Aditya Prasetyo - \$20,790  
6th: Jack Duong - \$15,930

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

EVENT #1: Amanda Heidbrick defeated 2,211 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$101,190  
EVENT #2: Kevin Falls defeated 203 players (\$580 NLH) for \$26,390  
EVENT #3: Kennii Nguyen defeated 106 players (\$580 PLO) for \$15,902  
EVENT #4: Cory Waaland defeated 613 players (\$365 Monster Stack) for \$38,623  
EVENT #5: Jim Juvancic defeated 101 players (\$580 HORSE) for \$15,149  
EVENT #6: Bradley Rhodes defeated 213 players (\$580 NLH Six-Max) for \$28,758  
EVENT #7: Cord Garcia defeated 142 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$38,759  
EVENT #8: Jeff Shea defeated 168 players (\$365 O8) for \$13,609  
The Main Event: Krzysztof Stybaniewicz defeated 1,376 entries (\$1,675 NLH) for \$356,043  
EVENT #10: Michael Koh defeated 194 players (\$580 NLH) for \$25,220  
EVENT #11: Zachery Schneider defeated 54 players (\$5,300 High Roller) for \$101,250  
EVENT #12: Josh Reichard defeated 216 players (\$365 Turbo) for \$16,201

Wisconsin pro and four-time ring winner Josh Reichard earned Casino Champion honors following first-, second- and third-place finishes totaling 117.5 points. He lapped the field in the race to the title and earned a berth in the first-ever, WSOP Global Championship. All players who cashed in ring events earned points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 50 expected at-large bids awarded to the top point earners. More information on the season-ending event is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

All rings at the Horseshoe are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2015/2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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