

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Planet Hollywood Las Vegas

Event #1

No-Limit Holdem Re-entry

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 1,162

Total Prize Pool: \$581,000

November 12-15, 2015

Brandon West Wins Massive Re-entry Event at Planet Hollywood WSOP Circuit

The first-time ring winner outlasted a star-studded field in a marathon final day to win over \$100,000.

Las Vegas (16 November 2015) – Early Monday morning, Brandon West became the first big winner at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Planet Hollywood. He won Event #1: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry, earning his first WSOP Circuit ring and \$106,030.

The tournament featured six starting flights—two each on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with unlimited re-entry. In total, there were 1,162 entries, creating a \$581,000 prize pool, easily exceeding the half-million-dollar guarantee. The top 117 players made the money, and all nine final tablists earned five-figure payouts. West topped them all with his victory worth over \$100,000.

After the six starting flights, 177 players advanced to Day 2 on Sunday. This set the stage for a long final day of the tournament. Fittingly, the Las Vegas Marathon was being run outside on the strip as the field was whittled down. For those that made the final table, this event was a poker marathon that went into the early hours of Monday morning. West finally secured his victory at 6:30 a.m.

This is West's first WSOP or Circuit cash, and he made it count. Before this event, his largest live tournament score was just over \$7,377, and his total live earnings were just shy of \$11,000. Now he earned nearly ten times that amount in one fell swoop.

It wasn't an easy road for West. He had to outlast 2014 Millionaire Make winner Jonathan Dimmig (3rd place), 2015 Online Bracelet winner Anthony Spinella (10th), Justin Oliver (14th), Tim West (21st), Jordan Cristos (29th), Ben Yu (73rd), David Miscikowski (74th), 2008 November Niner Dennis Phillips (93rd), and 2001 WSOP Main Event Champion Carlos Mortensen (79th).

The tournament was played out over four days, beginning Thursday, November 12. There were two starting flights each on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The remaining 177 players returned Sunday at 2 p.m. to play to a winner. They reached the final table at roughly 1:45 a.m., and West knocked out Jared Griener in second place at 6:30 a.m., making the final table just under five hours.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

At the conclusion of this event, Brandon West jumps into the lead in the Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Planet Hollywood earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. The winner of the Planet Hollywood Main Event earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino Championship as well. 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 Global Casino 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 Planet Hollywood so far:

EVENT #1: Brandon West defeated 1,162 entries (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$106,303.

With the first tournament now wrapped up, there are still 11 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood concludes on November 23.

All rings at Planet Hollywood are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2015 WSOP Circuit season.

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