

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

Event #10

No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 632

Total Prize Pool: \$189,000

November 18, 2015

**Venkataramana Ganne Wins Monster Stack Event at
WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood**

Ganne wins his first WSOP Circuit ring and nearly \$40,000.

Las Vegas (20 November 2015) – Vankataramana Ganne emerged victorious from one of the largest tournaments at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Planet Hollywood. On Thursday, Ganne won the \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack event, earning his first WSOP Circuit ring and \$38,874.

The Monster Stack tournament is one of more popular events at Circuit stops. Players start with twice as many chips as they do in a standard tournament. A total of 632 players participated, creating a prize pool of \$189,000. The top 72 players finished the money.

Ganne is a 44 year old native of India, now living in New Jersey. He works in software, and has become successful on the poker felt as well. His poker career receives a boost from his victory here. It is his first major live tournament win, and it more than doubles his career live tournament earnings.

After Day 1, 42 players bagged chips to return on Day 2. Play resumed at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, and the field was reduced to one table at about 7:15 p.m. Ganne secured his victory at about 2:15 a.m.

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

At the conclusion of this event, Jon Lactaen retains the lead in the Casino Champion race with 70 points. Lactaen has three cashes at Planet Hollywood, including two final tables. 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.

EVENT #4: Jason Schwartz defeated 144 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$12,095

EVENT #5: AJ Thompson defeated 127 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo) for \$10,866.

EVENT #6: Rick Austin defeated 276 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$19,875.

EVENT #7: Jim Juvancic defeated 120 players (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$10,801

EVENT #8: Brian Shugart defeated 218 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$27,253

EVENT #10: Venkataramana Ganne defeated 632 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack) for \$38,874.

EVENT #12: Cory Waaland defeated 306 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$21,571.

With the eighth ring event now wrapped up, there are still four more 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.

For more information about the World Series of Poker Circuit, be sure to follow us on Twitter [@WSOP](#) or check out [WSOP.com](#).

For additional information please contact:

Robert Kirschen (WSOP Digital Content Manager) @ rkirschen@caesars.com.