2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Horseshoe Baltimore Event #6 Monster Stack No Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 512

Total Prize Pool: \$153,600

March 30 - 31, 2016

John Lee Takes Down Monster Stack Final Table for \$33,022

Baltimore, MD (31 March 2016) - The Monster Stack was introduced in 2014 during the WSOP and it was such a player favorite that the format extended into the Circuit. The \$365 event with a 20,000 starting stack drew 512 entrants lasted nearly 20 hours. John Lee brought the lead to the final table, only gave it up during heads-up play against Geno Raman but came storming back to win his first ring and \$33,022.

"It feels good - after the Series I had at Parx (Casino) it feels good to get back winning," Lee said. "I had back-to-back fifth place finishes and this event wasn't about the money to me - it was about the win."

"I fourth in the Six Max, which worked out for me because I was out in time to play this event," Lee continued. "There's a lot of stuff that can happen in an event like this. There's a mix of mediocre players, guys coming in for the Main that have nothing else to do and you can run into some tough people. The end of the tournament was actually easier than the start because of all the amateurs."

"I wanted to get to the final two tables before I started to make moves and when we got there I had 10% of the chips in play, so I didn't run into any bigger stacks," Lee said. "I just tried to cruise to the final table."

Heads-up play began with Lee holding 5.9 million to Raman's 4.7 million. Raman won a couple of medium-sized pots early to take a slight lead but Lee made trips holding [Qs,Jc] on board of [As,Js,3h,Jh,4h] and took the lead back. Several hands later they each put 200,000 in preflop, the flop came [Qd,Js,6h], Raman check-called 225,000 and the turn came [7c]. Raman check-called 400,000, the river came [Ac] and both players checked. Lee rolled over [Qh,Tc] and Raman mucked.

Lee extended his lead to 7.6 million to 2.8 million but it would take a cooler to felt Raman. The final hand came when they went to a raised flop of [Kh,6d,4h], they got their stacks in and the cards were tabled.

Raman: [Kc,Jc] Lee: [Ks,9d]

Raman looked sure to double up and extend the match, but the board completed [9h,3c], giving Lee two pair. Raman's hand was no good and Lee won the ring one day after final tabling the Six Max event.

Final Table Payouts

- 1. John Lee \$33,022
- 2. Geno Raman \$20.418
- 3. Joseph Malebranche \$14,916
- 4. Nicholas Verderamo \$11,058
- 5. Jennifer Admyer \$8,316
- 6. Charles Bowles \$6,344
- 7. Justin Turner \$4,908
- 8. Christopher McCall \$3,851
- 9. Michael Davis \$3,064

This is the eighth event to finish of the WSOPC Horseshoe Baltimore stop. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the 12 gold ring events at the Horseshoe Baltimore earns the title of Casino Champion. The receive and automatic entry into the \$1 million 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. Also, the winner of the Horseshoe Baltimore Main Event earns an automatic ticket to the freeroll. All players that cash in ring events 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.

There are still seven more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit wraps up on April 4.

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