

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
IP Casino Resort & Spa  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
Event #9  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)  
Total Entries: 126  
Prize Pool: \$63,000  
September 15, 2016**



## **The Mathematician Formulates a Gold Ring Victory**

**David Cossio, a former math professor, wins his first career gold ring with an analytic approach in Event #9.**

**Biloxi, Mississippi (September 16, 2016)** – David Cossio topped a 126 player field in Event #9 to pocket \$17,639 and claim his first Circuit gold ring. The tournament lasted two days and concluded Friday evening on the IP main stage after a strenuous, heads-up battle between Cossio and Mike Horchoff, which lasted nearly three and a half hours.

“Pretty tough, pretty good player and good kid,” Cossio said about his formidable opponent. “It was back and forth, back and forth. It was a good match.”

The two, distinguished poker players seemed to be in a dead lock that would never end. Both were chasing their first gold ring, and refused to go down without a fight. However, only one could walk away the victor.

With his second-place finish, Horchoff recorded his 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit cash and 25<sup>th</sup> WSOP cash, while Cossio banked his 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit cash and 38<sup>th</sup> WSOP cash. With over, \$600,000 in earnings at the World Series of Poker, it was only a matter of time before Cossio bagged his first title. He came dangerously close when he finished second in the Main Event at Horseshoe Hammond in 2013, which is still his biggest cash to date (\$260,100).

Cossio was born in Mexico, but has been in the States for a long period of time, living in Texas and now Las Vegas, NV. He currently plays poker as a full-time profession. Formally a math professor at the University of Texas at El Paso and Mexican Math Olympiad Coach, it is safe to say Cossio has a systematic mind. Cossio was asked how much his mathematics background aids in his poker game.

“Math is pretty important. I’m a pretty analytical guy,” said Cossio. “My poker is pretty math oriented.”

Cossio’s systematic approach to the game has worked very well for him so far, and was good enough to catapult him to a WSOP title. Along with the gold ring and sizable payday, Cossio was awarded 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

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Event #8 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the IP Biloxi series. The \$580 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 126 players generating a \$63,000 prizepool. The top 15 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 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](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the IP Biloxi series:

EVENT #1: David Walters defeated 800 players (\$365 NLHE Double Stack) for \$47,992  
EVENT #2: Steve Giddings defeated 96 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$8,638  
EVENT #3: Dallas Berry defeated 95 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$8,551  
EVENT #4: Douglas Carli defeated 110 players (\$365 NLHE 30 Minute Levels) for \$9,901  
EVENT #5: Nate Bandy defeated 127 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$10,668  
EVENT #6: Scott Cooper defeated 84 players (\$365 PLO) for \$8,063  
EVENT #7: David Aker defeated 175 players (\$365 NLHE 6 Max) for \$14,701  
EVENT #8: Andrew Hines defeated 229 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$17,174  
EVENT #9: David Cossio defeated 126 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$17,639

This was the ninth gold ring handed out at the IP Biloxi series. Three more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the IP Biloxi series are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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