

2016-17 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Rio Hotel and Casino

Las Vegas, Nev.

Event #3

No-Limit Hold'em / Pot-Limit Omaha 6-Handed

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 180

Prize Pool: \$54,000

February 20-21, 2017



Mordechai Kirschenbaum Wins NLHE/PLO Mix at the Rio

Kirschenbaum, nicknamed “Little Cards,” wins his first Circuit ring and over \$15,000.

Las Vegas, Nev. (21 February, 2017) — The first World Series of Poker Circuit ring winner at the Rio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas is Mordechai Kirschenbaum. Kirschenbaum emerged victorious in Event #3: \$365 Mixed Pot-Limit Omaha / No-Limit Hold'em 6-Handed, earning his first career ring and \$15,124.

It wasn't an easy path to victory for Kirschenbaum. The final table included two players with multiple career rings: Scott Stewart (4), and Christopher Carey (2). Carey finished in fifth place (\$3,467) and Stewart in fourth (\$4,823). Ming Zhu finished runner up. This is his sixth WSOP Circuit final table, out of eight Circuit cashes.

Kirschenbaum, who hails from Tel Aviv, earned the nickname “Little Cards” throughout this final table, as small cards repeatedly served him well and helped him gather all the chips.

This is the first event to finish at the Rio, and Kirschenbaum takes the lead in the Casino Champion race with 50 points. However, that lead is unlikely to last long. Three other events are scheduled to end Tuesday, and the winner of each of those will also earn 50 points. (The tie-breaker is money earned.)

Event #3 was the first event to play to completion at the WSOP Circuit at the Rio. The \$365 event drew a field of 180 players, generating a prizepool worth \$54,000. The final 18 players finished in the money. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The tournament began at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20. The final day began at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, and the last hand was dealt around 3:00 p.m.

With this victory, Mordechai Kirschenbaum jumps into the lead in the Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points during the 12 ring events at the Rio earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino

Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large bids. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here are the winners so far at the Rio:

EVENT #3: \$365 Mixed No-Limit Hold'em / Pot-Limit Omaha – Mordechai Kirschenbaum bested a field of 180 players for \$15,124.

All rings at the Rio are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-17 WSOP Circuit season.

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