

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 13  
Rio  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Event #9  
H.O.R.S.E.  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 213  
Prize Pool: \$63,900  
Feb. 23-24, 2017**



## **Kyle Loman Wins the H.O.R.S.E. Event**

**Kyle Loman celebrates his first gold ring victory with his wife, Jennifer.**

**LAS VEGAS (February 24, 2017)** -- Las Vegas resident Kyle Loman has defeated the 213-player H.O.R.S.E. field to win his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring and the top prize of \$16,617. Loman, a professional poker player, now has 10 career WSOP cashes for just over \$140k.

Loman is mainly cash game player who mostly sticks to no-limit hold'em, but enjoys playing the mixed format in tournaments. This wasn't the first time Loman has found success in a mixed-game format tournament. Seven of Loman's 10 WSOP cashes have come in mixed games. His biggest WSOP score to date is a 10th place finish in the 2011 \$10,000 H.O.R.S.E. Championship. He won \$48,436 for that deep run.

"I really like playing H.O.R.S.E. I feel like I am pretty good at all of the games," said Loman. "I don't think I am amazing at any of the games, but I really enjoy the mix."

Loman thinks that of all the games in the H.O.R.S.E. mix, he has his biggest edge in stud hi-lo eight or better 8. He is originally from the east coast and the split pot games are popular there. He said that he is least comfortable playing stud high and tends to play it straightforward.

Loman entered Day 2 of the tournament 12th in chips out of the 24 remaining players. He said that the limits were rising quickly and he knew that just a few hands would determine if he had a really good day or a really bad day.

It turned out to be a really good day for Loman and he ended up defeating Derek Turoff heads-up for the gold ring. The final hand dealt was in limit hold'em. When the final river card hit river, Loman's wife Jennifer, was right there celebrating with him.

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Event #9 was the ninth of 13 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Rio. The \$365 H.O.R.S.E. tournament attracted 213 players generating a \$63,900 prize pool. The top 24 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 4 p.m. and lasted 17 and a half levels. Day 2 began Friday at 4 p.m. with 24 players remaining. The tournament ended at about 10:40 p.m.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Rio twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry in 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 Rio series:

EVENT #1: Nate Bandy defeated 1,498 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$75,364

EVENT #2: James Alexander defeated 255 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$18,744

EVENT #3: Mordechai Kirschenbaum defeated 180 players (\$365 NLHE/PLO 6 max) for \$15,124

EVENT #4: Chris Papastratis defeated 418 players (\$250 Seniors) for \$18,395

EVENT #5: Adam Ross defeated 300 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$21,595

EVENT #6: Kenny Nguyen defeated 329 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$23,196

EVENT #7: Seth Foster defeated 151 players (\$365 PLO) for \$12,231

EVENT #8: Chris Leong defeated 376 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$24,812

EVENT #9: Kyle Loman defeated 213 players (\$365 HORSE) for \$16,617

With nine tournaments wrapped up, only four more ring events remain at the Rio series.

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

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