

2016-17 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa

Tulsa, Okla.

Event #5

Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 145

Prize Pool: \$43,500

March 20-21, 2017



Matt Lansdon Wins Omaha Event at Tulsa Circuit

Lansdon wins his first WSOP Circuit ring and over \$12,000.

Tulsa, Okla. (21 March 2017) — Matt Lansdon became the latest World Series of Poker Circuit ring winner Tuesday night. Lansdon won Event #5: \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, earning his first ring and \$12,181.

Lansdon, 36, is professional poker player from Montgomery, Alabama. He's an Omaha specialist, who says he rarely plays other forms of poker.

The final table was a drawn-out affair, as there were often long gaps between eliminations. Lansdon handled the challenge with his standard Omaha strategy. "It's all about picking your spots," he said. "You gotta pick your spots right, and you gotta have the luck part, too."

The runner-up finisher was Zack Lawmaster. The heads-up battle at the end of the tournament was the culmination of a full day of clashes between Lansdon and Lawmaster. The two of them met in the first hand of the day. Lansdon, who started Day 2 as one of the shorter stacks, doubled up through Lawmaster on that first hand. Later, the day came full circle as they were the only players left, with Lansdon eventually taking all the chips.

Also making the final table of this event were Circuit ring winners Michael Sanders (4th place), Kevin Davis (5th place), Ray Henson (6th place), Jason Seitz (8th place), and James Alexander (9th place). Just missing out on the final table was the tenth-place finisher, WSOP bracelet winner Mike Cordell.

Event #5 was the fifth event to play to completion at the WSOP Circuit at the Hard Rock Tulsa. The \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better event drew a field of 145 players, generating a prizepool worth \$43,500. The final 15 players finished in the money. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The tournament began at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20. Fifteen players advanced to Day 2, which began at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21. The final hand was dealt at about 8:15 p.m.

After this event, Joshua Evans retains the lead in the Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points during the 12 ring events at the Hard Rock Tulsa 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. Evans has 87.5 points from two cashes (a victory and a runner-up finish). More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here are the winners so far at the Hard Rock:

- EVENT #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack – Jerry Rushing bested a field of 544 players for \$34,280.
- EVENT #2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight – Will Joyner bested a field of 1,484 players for \$90,112.
- EVENT #3: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) – Joshua Turner bested a field of 283 players for \$20,374.
- EVENT #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Freezeout – William “Jeter” Brock bested a field of 187 players for \$14,586.
- EVENT #5: \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better – Matt Lansdon bested a field of 145 players for \$12,181.
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