SERGEY SERGEEV CLAIMS FIRST RING IN HIGH ROLLER

Sergeev comes back from major chip deficit to win first ring

The World Series of Poker Horseshoe Hammond $2,200 High Roller is in the books and after two full days of play, Sergey Sergeev came out on top as the champion.

Sergeev defeated an extremely tough field of 80 entries to take him $49,518 and his first World Series of Poker Circuit gold ring.

Day 2 started with 33 runners; 24 survivors from Day 1, and nine players who registered late before the beginning of Day 2 deadline.

Those players competed for 12 money spots, and the money bubble broke on Level 17, the fifth 40-minute level of the day. Jake Bazeley (14th) and Michael Hahn (13th) were the last two eliminated before the money.

David Moses (12th - $3,778), Todd Sladek (11th - $3,778), and Frederick Conforti (10th - $4,225) were the next three to go, sending the final nine to the unofficial final table.

Daniel Sepiol went out in ninth ($4,225) shortly after the final table formed, and the official eight-handed final table was in place.
Tom Brachowski, who entered the final table in the middle of the pack with a 32-big-blind stack (261,000), won a trio of big pots in short-handed play, all resulting in eliminations, and found himself the first to go over the one-million chip mark.

Brachowski was responsible for the knockouts of George Pappas (7th - $6,061), Pete Maizy (6th - $7,746) and Mike Moncek (5th - $10,312). By the time Brachowski eliminated Moncek he held 1,270,000 chips, nearly three-times the stack of the closest competitor.

That big lead evaporated in the span of a few hands at Level 22, however, with Sergeev taking three pots off Brachowski in a matter of minutes. The third and final of those battles saw Sergeev win a 1.6 million pot, with his set of twos besting Brachowski’s pair of aces.

The big hand sent Brachowski out in fourth place for a $14,277 payday.

That hand was the start of the rapid rise of Sergeev into first place, which ended with the Russian taking home his first WSOP Circuit ring.

"I was very lucky," said Sergeev. "It feels incredible."

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Name: Sergey Sergeev  
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Current Residence: Dubai  
Age: 53  
Profession: Business  
WSOP Bracelets: 0  
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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