



**2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Seven
Horseshoe Hammond
Event #5 No-Limit Hold'em
End of Day Two
Buy-In: \$350
Total Entries: 728
Total Prize Pool: \$211,848
October 19, 2011**

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Former HS Math Teacher Cashes in with Event #5 Victory.

Hammond, IN (October 19, 2011)—After a more than successful kick off in Event #1 that included a WSOP Circuit record number of players, we were back to \$350 No-Limit Hold'em in Event #5 at Horseshoe Hammond.

As expected, numbers were high. In all, 728 players put up the \$350 entry fee for their chance at a piece of the \$211,848 prizepool.

The last man standing was 38-year-old Navid Kamal. Originally from India, Kamal is a hometown boy who grew up in Hammond and attended Hammond High School. He played Event #5 at the recommendation of his wife. She thought it would be a good idea because he grew up in the area and had always done well at the Horseshoe. Kamal certainly did well in Event #5, as he walked home with \$42,369 and the Circuit gold ring.

Kamal and his wife have three children and live outside of Chicago. He was a full-time high school teacher before scaling back to help his wife, a dentist, in her office. As his wife's business expanded and their family grew with the birth of their twin girls, Kamal decided it was time to quit teaching all together.

"I had to start helping more. It was actually good. I get to play more poker," Kamal said with a smile.

This was Kamal's first WSOPC cash and largest poker score. With the victory, he shoots to the top of the Circuit leaderboard at Horseshoe Hammond, tied with the other four champions at 50 points. The player with the most points at the conclusion of this Circuit stop will receive an automatic seat into the \$1 Million National Championship. The race to Las Vegas is heating up as only seven rings events remain.

Kamal was lucky to make it through Day 1. Only three levels into the tournament, he had a mere 3,000 chips in front of him. Fortunately, he picked up Aces and was able to triple up, then slowly grew his stack through the rest of the day.

"I've been in tournaments before when I've been down to the proverbial chip and a chair and I finished second in one and third in another," Kamal said. "If you're in it, you've got a shot. You're never out of it."

Day 1 (21 levels) saw the money bubble burst and the field narrow to 44 players. When Day 2 resumed all remaining players were guaranteed at least \$763. We reached an unofficial final table of 10 about seven hours into Day 2.

