

**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Horseshoe Hammond
Hammond, IN
Event #1
No-Limit Hold 'em Re-Entry
Buy-In \$365
Total Entries: 2,498
Prize Pool: \$749,400
October 11-14, 2012**



Tom Rogers Wins the Third Largest Circuit Event Ever

Milwaukee native makes his first Circuit cash count.

Hammond, IN (October 14, 2012) — There is no stop on the World Series of Poker Circuit that gets players more excited than the Horseshoe Hammond event. It consistently has some of the biggest fields and draws the best players from the Midwest and beyond into an incredible series.

Those expectations more than fulfilled with the first event in the 2012 Series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold 'em Re-Entry event drew an incredible 2,498 players. That made it the third largest Circuit event ever. A prize pool of \$749,000 created a first place prize of \$110,535 for just an investment of \$365.

After the two starting days combined, there were 310 players remaining. With the top 252 spots finishing in the money, it didn't take long for the money bubble to burst. The field was quickly depleted and only 15 players were left when play ended on Day 2.

By the time the players reached the final table on Day 3, Tom Rogers had taken the chip lead. The 32-year from Milwaukee maintained that lead throughout almost the entire final table. When Rogers got heads-up with David Backstrom, the two battled it out for an hour and a half before Rogers was finally able to finish him off.

Rogers, a former sales consultant who is primarily a cash game player, was originally planning on playing the first event as well as the Pot-Limit Omaha that started today. He was okay with missing the Omaha event, considering the results.

After his victory, Rogers said "I just want to say hi and that I love my girlfriend Kyle and my son Ethan." Rogers isn't going to stick around to test his luck again. He is heading home to see his family and then will return on Wednesday to play cash and then possible the Main Event.

It will be interesting to see what Rogers can do in the Main. Considering this event was his first Circuit cash ever, he is definitely going to be looking to keep his winning streak alive.

Results from the final table were as follows:

1st. Tom Rogers \$110,535
2nd. David Backstrom \$69,544
3rd. Paul Morash \$52,151
4th. Brett Schwertly \$40,160
5th. Cristian Ciotea \$31,198
6th. Zal Irani \$24,356
7th. Gary Lindesmith \$19,185
8th. David Kappel \$15,288
9th. Stephen Harrison \$12,388

Notes On The Event

- Brett Schwertley has two Circuit Rings and now has over \$200,000 in career Circuit earnings. None of the top three finishers had ever cashed in a Circuit event.

- The final table took just under seven hours to complete with heads-up play taking nearly an hour and a half.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Horseshoe Hammond's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP Circuit National Championship, as will the winner of the Horseshoe Hammond Main Event. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Hammond in Hammond, IN runs through October 22, 2012.

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