



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Horseshoe Hammond (Chicago)
Hammond, IN
Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$1,000 (+125)
Total Entries: 164
Prize Pool: \$164,000
October 11-14, 2012**

Eddie Ochana Finally Gets His Gold Ring

After Multiple Deep Runs, Chicago Poker Pro Takes Top Prize

Hammond, IN (October 15, 2012) — Edward Ochana knows the agony of defeat all too well.

He's come in third in a \$5,000 buy-in gold bracelet event held back in 2008. He also finished 34th in the WSOP Main Event two years ago. Moreover, he took third place in the Chicago Poker Championship, held last February.

While each of those previous accomplishments paid handsomely – more than six-figures each time, adding to a grand total of more than \$600,000 – Ochana still left each previous event with a feeling of disappointment. Each time, he played well. He performed admirably. But he didn't win.

All that changed tonight, when the professional poker player better known as “Fast Eddie” to his many friends destroyed everyone in his path en route to his first WSOP-related victory. Ochana collected \$44281, which was by no means his biggest cash score. But this moment was special, given the trials and tribulations of the past.

“It's great to finally win one,” Ochana said afterward. “I came close a few times before, so it makes me really appreciate this even more.”

Ochana, a 38-year-old poker pro born and raised in Chicago, earned his first-ever WSOP gold ring, which was presented on the main stage of the mammoth special events center at Horseshoe Hammond. Following his victory, many of his fellow players came up to congratulate the player who often sits in cash games here in the poker room.

The Sunday-Monday affair drew 164 entrants. Each paid the \$1,125 entry fee, resulting in a \$164,000 prize pool. The top 18 finishes collected prize money.

Among them was Ryan Lenaghan, from New Orleans. He finished 16th in last year's WSOP Main Event, and ended up taking second in this event.

Ochana seized the chip lead late on day one. He arrived at the final table with a big advantage and was never in serious danger of elimination, nor was ever close to losing his edge. In fact, the finale was played in a lightning-fast pace, clocking in at just under three hours.

They don't call him "Fast Eddie" for nothing.

Results from the final table were as follows:

1	Eddie Ochana	ELGIN	IL	US	\$44,281.00
2	James Lenaghan	MOBILE	AL	US	\$27,365.00
3	Corey Cutrell	SEATTLE	WA	US	\$19,698.00
4	Jon Ferraro	MENOMONEE FALLS	WI	US	\$14,437.00
5	Haresh Jethani	HOUSTON	TX	US	\$10,768.00
6	Claudia Crawford	BROOKHAVEN	MS	US	\$8,172.00
7	Mandeep Narang	HOOVER	AL	US	\$6,307.00
8	Joseph Russo	ELK GROVE VILLAGE	IL	US	\$4,948.00
9	Michael Meyers	SHELBY TOWNSHIP	MI	US	\$3,946.00
10	Daniel Young	CHICAGO	IL	US	\$3,196.00

Tournament Notes

- The tournament was played over two days. Day One played from 164 starters down to the final table of nine players.
- The runner up was Ryan Lenaghan, from New Orleans, who finished 16th in last year's WSOP Main Event Championship.
- Eddie Ochana absolutely dominated play during the later stages of the tournament. He seized the chip lead late on Day One and mastered the final table played the following day.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Horseshoe Hammond's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP Circuit National Championship. The qualifier will join the winner of the Horseshoe Hammond Main Event, who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Horseshoe Hammond only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be 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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