



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
Horseshoe Hammond (Chicago)  
Hammond, IN  
Event #7  
H.O.R.S.E.  
Buy-In \$300 (+65)  
Total Entries: 277  
Prize Pool: \$83,100  
October 16-17, 2012**

## **David Droeger Caught Horsing Around**

### ***Chicago Day Trader Makes a Big Score in Stacked Finale***

**Hammond, IN (October 17, 2012)** – There's an old saying that “ignorance is bliss.”

No one would make that claim at the poker table, but for David Droeger, it probably paid off *not* to know much about the level of competition he was facing when he took a seat at the most recent World Series of Poker Circuit final table, which just wrapped up at the Horseshoe Hammond Casino, near Chicago.

Droeger assumed he was on top of the world. He played with no fear. He also managed to catch just about every card he needed en route to a stunning debut victory over several more-accomplished tournament pros.

The final table lineup included four gold ring winners – including Andy Hwang, Ari Engel, Dan Heimiller, and David Nicholson. In addition, Yuval Bronshtein, the highly-experienced poker pro from South Carolina with 23 WSOP cashes held the chip lead.

Indeed, the challenge seemed insurmountable.

But Droeger played the best poker of his life in the mix of five poker variants, which makes up the HORSE competition. He ended up winning \$20,755, plus his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

“I really had no idea who these other players were,” Droeger said afterward. “My friends came up here and told me who I was up against. So, I didn't know until they told me about it.”

Alas, now – perhaps Engel, Heimiller, Nicholson, Bronshtein, and the rest will take notice of Droeger, who dominated the five-hour finale in a way that is most uncommon in a limit format. Once Droeger took command of the table with five players remaining, he steamrolled everyone, wiping out his last three rivals in just over an hour.

Droeger plays poker part-time. He works as a day trader and also owns a small business, which is a yogurt store. Always looking for action and the next score, one anticipates we have not heard nor seen the last of the man who won tonight's gold ring.

The top-ten finishers were as follows:

1	David Droeger	CHICAGO	IL	US	\$20,725.00
2	Yung Hwang	SUGARLAND	TX	US	\$12,844.00
3	Adam Zimowski	RACINE	WI	US	\$9,431.00
4	Yuval Bronshtein	TEL AVIV		IL	\$6,992.00
5	Frederic Winter	LA GRANGE	IL	US	\$5,233.00
6	Dan Heimiller	LAS VEGAS	NV	US	\$3,953.00
7	Richard Barry	HINSDALE	IL	US	\$3,014.00
8	David Nicholson	PERKINSTON	MS	US	\$2,320.00
9	Ari Engel	LAS VEGAS	NV	US	\$1,802.00
10	Scott Bohlman	GLENVIEW	IL	US	\$1,802.00

### Tournament Notes

- Day One began with 277 starters for the 5 pm start. By the end of ten hours of play, 47 remained. The survivors returned for Day Two and played another five hours before the final table began.
- When the final table began, Yuval Bronshtein enjoyed the chip lead. He has 23 previous WSOP cashes and was clearly the player to beat. However, Bronshtein is still looking for his first WSOP-related victory, as he went out in fourth place.
- The runner up was gold ring winner Andy Hwang, from Houston.
- Dan Heimiller, gold bracelet winner and a recent gold ring winner coming off the WSOPC Main Event Championship at Southern Indiana made a strong bid for his second gold ring in nine days, but instead went out in sixth place.
- Gold ring winner and noted poker pro Ari Engel took ninth place.
- Gold ring winner Bruce Hoyt cashed in 26<sup>th</sup> place.
- The final table went about six hours, which is about the average time span of play for WSOP Circuit events.

Through the conclusion of Event 7, Mike Leah (Toronto, Ontario – Canada) is still the leader in the Casino Champions race. He has 57.5 points. There's a logjam of players in second place, since all of the six gold ring winners have 50 points at present.

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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