



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Horseshoe Hammond (Chicago)
Hammond, IN
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$500 (+80)
Total Entries: 260
Prize Pool: \$130,000
October 21-22, 2012**

Amanda Musumeci Finally Wins Gold Ring

Hammond, IN (October 22, 2012) – She's finally done it.

After two years toiling away in the major tournament circuit, playing countless events in every major casino market in the country, Amanda Musumeci has finally achieved a well-deserved victory.

The 28-year-old poker pro from Philadelphia won the \$580 buy-on No-Limit Hold'em title (Event 11), which was good for \$31,851 in prize money. But that didn't seem to matter to Musumeci, who wanted the victory more than anything else.

Musumeci was interviewed moments following her win and made the following statements:

On how it feels to finally win:

"I am so happy to have won this event. I have been grinding the Circuit for a while now. I've played lots of WSOP events and have gotten a second, a third, a fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and an eighth and a ninth. And now, I've finally have my big win. And I have some WSOP jewelry. I could not be happier."

On which is better -- to finish third or fourth and make a big cash score, or to win less money but win the victory:

"This is way cooler. It's important to be a winner. It's important for my career. Like I said, I've gotten all the other places but first. This is what I was hunting for. I came here (to Chicago) to play in a few events. And I finally got the win. This is so sick."

On her future goals in poker after this victory:

"I'm looking forward to going back and going for a gold bracelet. I had a good last summer. But I'm going into next summer with one goal in mind -- a gold bracelet. Yessssssssssssssssssss!"

Musumeci made the final table of last year's WSOP Circuit Main Event Championship. She was also on of the top female-finishers in the 2010 WSOP Main Event in Las Vegas.

The top-ten finishers were as follows:

1	Amanda Musumeci	PHILADELPHIA	PA	US	\$31,851.00
2	Wendy Freedman	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	US	\$19,679.00
3	Alan Cutler	VERNON HILLS	IL	US	\$14,218.00
4	Keith Morgan	ELLENSBURG	WA	US	\$10,464.00
5	Sean Pramuk	WEST CHESTER	OH	US	\$7,839.00
6	Ryan Hoffman	CANTON	MI	US	\$5,974.00
7	William Chang	HONOLULU	HI	US	\$4,628.00
8	Matthew Chang	ROCKVILLE	MD	US	\$3,644.00
9	Ilias Kellikidis	NORRIDGE	IL	US	\$2,915.00
10	Trevor Deeter	PHILADELPHIA	PA	US	\$2,367.00

Tournament Notes

- Day One began with 260 players and played down to 13 survivors.
- When the final table began, Musumeci ranked in third place.
- The heads up match came down to two players -- Amanda Musumeci and Wendy Freedman. first this year in Chicago. The last time two females sat down face to face for a gold ring, there were actually three females that ended up taking the top three spots in an WSOP Circuit event at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, last February. That was the first time in history females had ever finished 1-2-3 in a major tournament.

- Musumeci started with a 3 to 1 chip lead over Las Vegas pro Wendy Freedman and won the match in about ten minutes.
- The final table went about five hours, which is about the average time span of play for WSOP Circuit events.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Hammond in Hammond, IN has now concluded.

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