

2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season Nine

Horseshoe Casino

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Event #2

No-Limit Hold'em Turbo

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 148

Prize Pool: \$40,400

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Jovan Sudar Makes Short Work of Turbo Field

Serbian-born Omaha resident wins second gold ring at Council Bluffs

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 13, 2013) — “Turbo” might not adequately describe Event 2, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament, at Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs Friday. At 12 p.m. the event's champion, Jovan Sudar, laid claim to just one WSOP Circuit gold ring, an accomplishment he achieved in the 2009-2010 WSOP Circuit \$5,150 Main Event at this same venue. By 11 p.m., he joined an elite club of two-time champions.

That's right, the 148-player field narrowed to just one remaining following only 11 hours of play.

Sudar, who's no stranger to success, was awarded \$12,434, his second WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

“Actually this is more exciting [than winning my first ring],” Sudar said. “You realize how hard it is to win this ring. You can call it first-time luck, but to win it a second time is even [more difficult]. I give props to other people who have three, four or five rings because I realize how hard it is [to win them].”

The weight the ring holds is made even more apparent by the fact Sudar's second -- and more special -- gold ring championship awarded slightly more than \$12,000 in prizes while his first awarded slightly more than \$95,000.

If he finds winning rings to be difficult, he certainly had the rail fooled Friday. The final table began shortly before 10 p.m., and by 11 p.m. he held all the chips in play. He outlasted the likes of Brandon Fish (8th) and James Coquette (7th) and his heads-up battle with David Sutton stretched only a few hands.

Sudar took the last six months to himself to concentrate on business. He works in marketing for an Omaha-based apartment and also helps his father with a cleaning business. Admittedly, he's only played three tournaments this year, but says if he does “well” at the 2012-2013 series in Council Bluffs, he'll travel the Circuit fulltime in 2013-2014.

With 10 days of tournament play still remaining and a win already under his belt, many may already think Sudar has done well.

“[Doing] well means making the final table in the Main Event,” Sudar said. “My goal is to be the [Casino Champion] so I get a freeroll to the [WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof].”

Sudar earned 50 points toward the season-ending championship and has a good head start toward Casino Champion honors.

Event 2 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 148 entries. The total prize pool came to \$40,400 and the top 15 players were paid.

The tournament, which played out in its entirety in one day, began Friday at 12 p.m. The final table began shortly before 10 p.m. and play finished shortly after 11 p.m., meaning the tournament lasted just 11 hours in all.

Notes on the Event

- The final table included two gold ring champions; Sudar (2009-2010 Council Bluffs Main Event, \$95,455) and Fish (2012-2013 Harrah's Resort Atlantic City Event 2, \$50,862).
- Fish (8th) earned Casino Champion honors at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City earlier this year.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Council Bluff's 12 combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Council Bluffs:

EVENT #1: Nick Jivkov defeated 260 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,110.

EVENT #2 Jovan Sudar defeated 148 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$12,434.

With the second tournament wrapped, 10 more ring events remain at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. For more information about the World Series of Poker Circuit, be sure to follow us on Twitter @WSOP or check out WSOP.com. For additional information please contact:

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