

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Foxwoods Resort Casino
Event #3
Omaha Eight-or-Better
Buy-In: \$310 (+55)
Total Entries: 137
Total Prize Pool: \$41,196
April 9-10, 2013**

Mashantucket, CT (August 11, 2013) – Eric Judge is an Omaha specialist who learned from the best. His grandfather, Tom Noyes, is a legend here at Foxwoods. Noyes was as regular in the Omaha and Stud games for years and passed his knowledge on to his grandson.

On Saturday, Judge used that knowledge to propel himself to victory in the \$365 Omaha Eight-or-Better event at the Foxwoods Circuit.

The only event in the series that isn't No-Limit, the Omaha Eight-or-Better drew 137 of the top Omaha players on the East Coast. A total of 26 players advanced to Day 2 with Tom Sounthone holding a massive chip lead. Sounthone went into Day 2 with 212,000, while no other player was over 90,000.

Judge came into Day 2 4th with 77,500 in chips and built it up to 127,000 by the time they reach the final ten. Sounthone still had a big chip lead, but things changed quickly for him. After a number of scooped pot, Sounthone was eliminated in 6th place.

Judge and Gordon Sprague took control of the table after that and the two players quickly got heads-up. That is, however, where things slowed down.

Judge and Sprague battled back and forth for over four hours heads-up. At one point in heads-up play, each player had the other down to three or fewer big bets. With the betting limits at 50,000-100,000, Judge was finally able to win the battle and take his first Circuit Ring.

Judge, who also cash this summer in 20th place at the WSOP \$1,500 Omaha Eight-or-Better event, gave all the credit for his skill at Omaha to his grandfather. Tom Noyes had taught the 38-year old police officer from North Abington Township, PA at an early age about the game of Omaha.

Notes on the Event

-This was the first WSOP Circuit cash for champion Eric Judge as well as runner-up Gordon Sprague.

-This was also the first cash for 3rd place finisher David Brooker, who has four previous cashes at the WSOP.

-Ninth place finisher Chris Amaral has a Circuit Ring from 2009, but this is his first Circuit cash since April 2011.

With his victory, Judge ties for the lead in the Foxwoods Casino Champion standings with 50 points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in Foxwoods twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2013-2014 WSOP National Championship, as will the winner of the Foxwoods Main Event. All players who cash in ring

events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion 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 Caesars Atlantic City, so far:

EVENT #1: John Ting defeated 641 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$39,514

EVENT #2: Fabio D'Agata defeated 116 players (\$1,125 NLHE) for \$34,938

EVENT #3: Eric Judge defeated 137 players (\$365 O8B) for \$11,535

With the third tournament now wrapped up, there are still nine more gold ring events remaining before the WSOP Circuit at Foxwoods Resort Casino continues through August 20th.

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