

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Foxwoods Resort Casino
Event #6
No-Limit Hold 'em
Buy-In: \$310 (+55)
Total Entries: 276
Total Prize Pool: \$82,993
April 12-13, 2013

Ryan Methia Wins the \$365 NLHE Event
29-year old P.E. teacher takes the Casino Championship points lead.

Mashantucket, CT (April 13, 2013) – When Ryan Methia was planning for the Foxwoods Circuit series, he was hoping to make a run at the Casino Champion title and a seat in the WSOP National Championship. After today, Methia has put himself in a position to do just that.

A total of 276 players entered the sixth Circuit Ring event at the Foxwoods Resort Casino. By the end of play on Day 1, only ten of those players remained. Methia came in as the fourth shortest stack. The action was being played at a blistering pace on Day 2, with two players being eliminated as soon as play got underway.

Methia managed to avoid the landmines that are normally associated with playing the short stack and was able to take over the chip lead. It took him less than an hour to finish off his final two opponents on his way to victory.

Along with the \$19,919 first place money, Methia takes home his first Circuit Ring in only his second ever Circuit cash. His first cash came in the first event of this series, the \$365 No-Limit Hold 'em, where he finished 30th out of 641 players.

With the 50 points he earns for his victory along with 2.5 points for his cash in Event 1, Methia takes over the lead for the Casino Championship with six events remaining.

"I want to thank my wife Beth and my son Bryce." Methia said after his victory. The 29-year old P.E. teacher from New Bedford said he was going to have to let his wife know that he is going to have to play more events now to make a run at the Casino Championship.

We think she'll understand...

Notes on the Event

-This is Ryan Methia second ever Circuit cash. The first was in Event #1 of this series.

-Methia and runner-up Michael Muniz are the only players at the final table with Circuit cashes outside of this tournament.

-The final table took just four hours to complete. Two players were eliminated on the first two hands.

With his victory, Methia takes the lead in the Foxwoods Casino Champion standings with 52.5 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 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 50 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Foxwoods, 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
EVENT #4: Ketan Patel defeated 578 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$36,500
EVENT #5: James Campbell defeated 449 players (\$580 NLHE Re-entry) for \$49,825
EVENT #6: Ryan Methia defeated 276 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$19,919

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

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