2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Foxwoods Resort Casino
Event #11
No-Limit Hold 'em
Buy-In: $310 (+55)
Total Entries: 265
Total Prize Pool: $79,685
August 18-19, 2013

Joe Frizzi wins his first Circuit Ring in his first ever cash.
One purpose, one goal. The Circuit Ring.

Mashantucket, CT (August 19, 2013) – Things almost worked out much differently for Joe Frizzi. The 37-year meat manager from Revere, MA almost did not come to play the 11th event at the Foxwoods Circuit Series. A last minute change of heart brought him to Foxwoods with one goal in mind though, winning a Circuit Ring.

"It's the only reason I came down to play." Frizzi said at the conclusion of the event.

His timing could not have been better. Frizzi did exactly what he set out to do. He defeated a field of 265 players in the $365 No-Limit Hold'em Event 11 and captured his first Circuit Ring.

"This is unbelievable." Frizzi stated while taking his winner photo. "Is this real?"

It is real, Joe.

At the end of play on Day 1, the field had already been whittled down to just the final ten players. Frizzi held a commanding chip lead with 510,000 chips. His closest competitor, Ruvolo Giuseppe, had just 348,000.

It took less than five hours for Frizzi to claim the title, but it wasn't without having to do a bit of work. With only three players remaining, Sean Carlson held nearly half the chips in play. This did not deter Frizzi though, as he fought back from losing his chip lead to get heads-up with Stephen Lewin-Berlin.

The two battled heads-up for about an hour before Frizzi was able to finish him off. For his victory, Frizzi claimed the first place prize money of $19,523 in addition to the Circuit Ring.

It was obvious after the event that Frizzi was not concerned about the money. He had come in with a clear goal and had done just what he set out to do. Even after taking his winner photo, Frizzi was still in amazement.

Enjoy your victory Joe, you are now a Circuit Ring winner.

Notes on the Event

-This is Austin Buchanan's sixth Circuit Final table.

-Joe Frizzi came into the final table as the chip leader and was able to earn his first Circuit cash and Ring.

Ryan Methia continues to hold the lead in the Foxwoods Casino Champion standings. 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 throughout the season. 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
EVENT #7: Grant Lang defeated 155 players ($580 Six-Max) for $31,891
EVENT #8: John Glasspool defeated 325 players ($365 NLHE) for $22,966
EVENT #9: Ari Engel defeated 235 players ($580 NLHE) for $29,634
EVENT #10: Jason Strasser defeated 591 players ($1,675 NLHE) for $186,600
EVENT #11: Joe Frizzi defeated 265 players ($365 NLHE) for $19,523

With the eleventh tournament now wrapped up, there is only one more gold ring event remaining before the WSOP Circuit at Foxwoods Resort Casino continues through August 19th.

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