

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

IP Casino Resort and Spa

Biloxi, Miss.

Event #4

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 119

Prize Pool: \$35,700

September 7-8, 2014



Josh Reichard Wins Third Ring in Friendly Duel Against Roommate Chris Conrad

Pair of two-time ring winners face off in \$365 event; Wisconsin pro earns third ring and \$10,709.

Biloxi, Miss. (September 8, 2014) — Josh Reichard became the second player in as many nights to win his third ring during the 2014 IP Casino Resort and Spa Circuit series Monday. Like John Holley before him, Reichard bested the rest in Event 4, a \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament, earning \$10,709 and gold ring number three.

“It feels kind of similar to number two,” Reichard said of his third Circuit trophy. “Once you have multiple ones, a higher number would feel better. Three is pretty much the same as two.”

It was business as usual after the last card hit the felt, but the road to the winner's circle was decidedly different for Reichard this time around. He's rooming with the aforementioned Holley during the IP series as well as with Chris Conrad and Paul Ewen. Holley was unable to play in Event 4 due to his final table appearance the previous night, but Conrad and Ewen made their presence known.

Conrad bagged the chip lead on Day 1 with Reichard close behind in second. Ewen advanced as well but would be a non-factor toward the bottom of the counts. Shortly after play restarted on Day 2, the trio found themselves staring across at one another at the nine-handed final table.

Ewen exited ninth, but Reichard and Conrad stood pat as player after player hit the rail. Reichard sent a few packing and Conrad busted a handful of his own. When Cody Pack succumbed to Conrad's full-house and exited third, it left Conrad and Reichard as the last two standing.

“It was really strange,” Reichard said of playing his friend. “We've talked hands on the trip and in the past. We are kind of inside of each other's minds so there was a little dynamic there. We maybe were not taking it quite as seriously as if we were playing against someone else.”

Conrad began the duel with the chip lead, but soon surrendered it as Reichard chipped away at his stack. The friends played back and forth for about an hour before there was an all-in and call and Conrad busted second, one spot shy of his second ring of the 2014 season.

“I'd be happy with either one of us winning,” Reichard admitted after the tournament.

