

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino

Event #6

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 276

Total Prize Pool: \$138,000

November 18-19, 2014

Raney Stanczak, Professional Paintballer, Wins WSOP Circuit Event

Stanczak Wins his First Circuit Ring and More than \$33,000.

Las Vegas (November 19, 2014) – At the halfway point of the World Series of Poker Circuit at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, the latest winner is Raney Stanczak. Stanczak won Event #6: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em for his first WSOP Circuit ring and \$33,118 in prize money.

Much like Billy Pappas, the professional foosball player who recently finished in 5th in the WSOP Main Event, Stanczak specializes in a different game and transfers his skills to the felt. He is a professional paintballer, travelling a circuit across much of the US and overseas. He takes advantage of his time abroad to play poker online and in cardrooms throughout the world. And according to Stanczak, his paintball experience helped him in other ways as well. "It's funny," he said after the tournament as he described the parallels between the two games. "In poker, you're sitting inside all day, and in paintball you're always running around. But they're almost identical. It's all a mind game. It's all you against your opponent. It's just knowing what your opponent's going to do. And having that mental strength not to mess up."

Stanczak showed today he has that mental strength. He entered the final table second in chips, but the chip leader—Lance Gyger—had nearly double his stack. Not surprisingly, after seven players had been eliminated from the final table, it was Gyger and Stanczak playing heads up for the ring. Stanczak had a chip lead of roughly 2-1 when heads up play began, and even though Gyger won a few key hands, Stanczak led through most of their match.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Tuesday, November 18. Of the 276 entrants, only 9 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Wednesday, November 19. The final playing session began at 2 p.m. local time. Play finished just before 6:00 p.m., making the total duration of the final day a little less than 4 hours.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

At the conclusion of Event #6, Kheang Tang still holds the lead in the Planet Hollywood Casino Champion race. Tang has 87.5 points after winning the first event of the series and finishing second in Event #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em. Vincent Moscati is in 2nd place with 60 points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Planet

Hollywood earns the title “Casino Champion” and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Planet Hollywood Main Event earns an automatic entry to the National Championship as well. 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 Planet Hollywood so far:

EVENT #1: Kheang Tang defeated 1,387 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$71,749.

EVENT #2: Craig Gold defeated 162 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$27,000.

EVENT #3: Michael Kline defeated 284 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$20,450.

EVENT #4: Brandon Newsome defeated 319 Players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$22,497.

EVENT #5: Vincent Moscati defeated 138 players (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$11,589.

EVENT #6: Raney Stanczak defeated 276 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$33,118.

With the sixth tournament now wrapped up, there are still six more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood concludes on November 24th.

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