

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Hammond, Ind.

Event #1

No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry

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

Total Entries: 1,959

Prize Pool: \$587,700

October 16-19, 2014



Robert Hankins Claims Re-Entry Ring

Nashville pro earns his third career ring in Horseshoe Hammond opening event, pockets \$92,562, 50 points toward the Casino Championship and a \$1,675 Main Event seat.

Circuit's premiere stop hosts 12 gold ring events running through Monday, October 27.

Hammond, Ind. (October 19, 2014) — Robert Hankins used just one \$365 buy-in en route to his third career Circuit ring in Event 1 at Horseshoe Casino, the series-opening re-entry ring event. He broke through in style, besting nearly 2,000 entries over four days to nab the Casino Championship lead, a \$1,675 Main Event seat and \$92,562 – more than 250 times his investment.

“It’s fun times, man. Great place, Hammond. Run good,” Hankins said.

Hankins, a resident of Nashville, Tenn., earned his previous two rings outside his hometown at Harrah’s Casino in Tunica, Miss. His first came in 2010 and earned him \$16,314 while his second was won earlier this year in February and saw him record a \$23,941 payday. With nearly \$100,000 in earnings over the course of 16 Circuit cashes prior to Sunday, Hankins’ most recent score almost doubles his lifetime winnings.

“I’m just bracelet chasing now. Three [rings] is good,” Hankins said.

The opening event was scheduled to play out over three consecutive days, but required the addition of an unplanned fourth to accommodate the strong turnout. Hankins ran hot on last Thursday’s Day 1A and never had to exercise his option to re-enter. He began Day 2 near the middle of the pack with 250 returning and grinded his way to an in-the-money finish and eventually a final table berth.

With just nine players remaining Hankins sat eighth in the counts and watched as the previous chip leader, Mark Brazis, stumbled, eventually finishing fifth. Having felt Brazis’ pain before, Hankins went out of his way to compliment the self-employed Indianapolis resident’s play in his post-tournament interview. In the end though, it was Hankins’ day.

He hit two fortunate boards against the eventual runner-up Greg Mayer. First, Hankins’ [Kh][4h] bested Mayer’s [Ah][Td] all-in preflop. Then, in another preflop confrontation that proved to be

