2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 11 Horseshoe Casino Hammond, Ind. Event #3 No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 375 Prize Pool: \$112,500 October 19-20, 2014



## Nicola Ditrapani Scores Gold in Event 3

Chicago area amateur bests 375 players to earn \$24,748, a Circuit ring and a seat in next weekend's Main Event.

**Hammond, Ind. (October 20, 2014)** — Event 3 of the World Series of Poker Circuit at Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind. concluded early Monday evening with Chicago resident Nicola Ditrapani in the winner's circle. Ditrapani outlasted a tough, 375-player field in the \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament to earn \$24,789, his first gold ring, 50 points toward the Casino Championship and a seat in the \$1,675 Main Event.

"It feels great," Ditrapani told the WSOP. "It was a long grind. There were a lot of good players at the final table. I'm just happy to have pulled it out."

The good players he referred to included PokerNews.com tournament reporter and Day 2 chip leader Mo Nuwwarah as well as Charles Hayes, a driving force behind much of the final table action.

As we mentioned, Nuwwarah lead the way heading to the second and final day of play at the Horseshoe. With 12 players left, he picked up pocket queens and eliminated Chris Pinello 12th and Kenneth Garbowicz 11th to consolidate play to the 10-handed final table. From there, Nuwwarah struggled, surrendering a handful of small pots before his [As][Ad] faced off against the [Ac][3h] of Loren Rosenberg.

In the preflop duel, Rosenberg got his last 191,000 in against Nuwwarah's aces and the pair showed down. Nuwwarah was in the lead, but a [Tc][9c][3c] flop gave Rosenberg more than a few outs as he headed to the turn needing a three or a club to snatch the pot.

The [6s] was no help to either player on fourth street, but Rosenberg's unlikely club hit on the river as the dealer revealed the [7c]. Nuwwarah left the table in disgust as Rosenberg pushed his stack forward to be counted down.

The blow proved too much for Nuwwarah to overcome and he was eliminated fourth a few hands later when his pocket eights were outdrawn by the ace-queen of Hayes. The hand gave Hayes a sizable chip lead heading to three-handed play and it wasn't long before he faced off against Ditrapani heads-up.