

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Hammond, Ind.

Event #6

H.O.R.S.E.

Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)

Total Entries: 128

Prize Pool: \$64,000

October 20-21, 2014



Ari Engel Moves to Second on All-Time Circuit Wins List

31-year-old pro earns his seventh career ring, trails leader Alex Masek by one.

\$580 HORSE tournament sees its champion pocket \$17,921, 50 points toward the Casino Championship and a spot in the record books.

Hammond, Ind. (October 21, 2014) — Ari Engel moved up one spot on the all-time Circuit wins list earning his seventh career ring Tuesday night in a \$580 HORSE event. The 31-year-old pro joins Chris Reslock in a tie for second all-time, one victory behind current leader Alex Masek. Officially recognized as Event 6 of the World Series of Poker Circuit at Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind., the win came at the hands of a 128-player field and earned Engel \$17,921 along with 50 points toward the Casino Championship and a free seat in the property's \$1,675 Main Event.

“It definitely doesn't get old,” Engel said of his continued success. “It's nice to get a win. It's been a little bit of time. I spend a lot of time grinding and you only very occasionally actually get a win. I'm trying to savor the moment.”

Engel's victories date back to March of 2007 when he won a \$300 no-limit hold'em event. In the years and months that followed he recorded five additional wins – four in no-limit hold'em and one in a pot-limit hold'em/pot-limit Omaha mixed variation. He came to the Horseshoe Casino Tuesday night admittedly inexperienced in HORSE, but with the poker know-how to get the job done even without playing his preferred game.

“I always play online in the big series when they have big-field HORSE tournaments,” Engel said. “I have a fair amount of experience [...] In a \$500 HORSE tournament I felt pretty comfortable and I think I have somewhat of an edge in it.”

As mentioned earlier, Engel now trails the all-time wins leads of Masek by one. Like Engel, Masek has a young career that's seen him take the Circuit by storm. Together, the pair has left its mark in the history books besting the pace set by Circuit legends like Chris Reslock, Mark Smith and Men Nguyen and setting the bar for up-and-comers like Valentin Vornicu and Kyle Cartwright.

“A combination [of trophies and money],” Engel said of what motivates him. “Definitely the main thing is making a living [playing poker]. One of the reasons I choose to play Circuit events

