

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Harrah's New Orleans
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 364
Total Prize Pool: \$109,200
May 6-7, 2015**

Christopher Sheffield Wins Monster Stack Tourney at WSOP Circuit New Orleans

Sheffield Won his Entry for Free, and Earned Over \$24,000

New Orleans (May 8, 2015) – Christopher Sheffield won his second career World Series of Poker Circuit ring on Thursday. He won the \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Event at Harrah's New Orleans.

Sheffield almost didn't play this tournament. He won a free seat in high hand promotion in the Harrah's New Orleans poker room. But after two days, he parlayed the free entry into \$24,017.

After Day 1, 20 players bagged chips and returned for Day 2. At the time, ring winner Alex Rocha was in the lead, though he eventually bowed out in third place. Day 2 play began pretty fast. The twenty players were reduced to 10 in about 2 and a half hours. Rocha was eliminate at about 9:15, leaving Sheffield heads-up against WSOP bracelet winner Cliff Goldkind. At that point, play slowed considerably, and it was another 2 and half hours before the final elimination.

Sheffield described his victory with touch of cheerful self-deprecation. "I was pretty tired," he said half-jokingly. "I played pretty bad, and I got it in bad, and I won."

While he poked a little fun at himself, he spoke of his opposition with great respect. "Cliff was real good," he said of the runner-up finisher. "I had to get lucky to beat him."

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, beginning Wednesday, May 6 at noon. On Thursday, 20 players returned at 2 p.m. for Day 2. Sheffield secured his victory at about 11:45 p.m.

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

At the conclusion of this event, Josh Mancuso retains the lead in the Casino Champion race. Mancuso and Yuval Bronshtein both have 77.5 points, but Mancuso holds the tie-breaker (money earned). The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Harrah's New Orleans earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Harrah's New Orleans 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 Harrah's Southern California so far:

EVENT #1: Eddie Pepper defeated 298 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$21,455.
EVENT #2: Joe Castaneda defeated 91 entries (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$8,192.
EVENT #3: Yuval Bronshtein defeated 179 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$14,500.
EVENT #4: Josh Mancuso defeated 1,153 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Reentry) for \$63,130.
EVENT #5: Ryan Campbell defeated 192 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$14,976.
EVENT #6: Cory Waaland defeated 215 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed) for \$17,415.
EVENT #7: Matthew Humphrey defeated 205 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$15,989.
EVENT #8: Christopher Sheffield defeated 364 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack) for \$24,017.

With the eighth tournament now wrapped up, there are still 4 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Harrah's New Orleans concludes on May 11.

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