

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Palm Beach Kennel Club

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Event #5

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 107

Prize Pool: \$32,100

September 21-22, 2015



Cody Pack Bests Christopher Staats to Earn Second Ring

Event #5 (\$365 no-limit hold'em) nearly finishes in one day; Pack needs just three hands to seal the deal on Day 2.

Georgia pro complements second career ring with \$9,630 and the Casino Championship points lead.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (September 22, 2015) — Cody Pack is a two-time ring winner following a victory in Event #5 of the World Series of Poker Circuit at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, a \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament. In addition to his second trophy, Pack, a Cartersville, Ga. resident, earned \$9,630 and surged into the Casino Championship points lead through five events.

The 107-player field in Event #5 narrowed to the 10-handed final table just 15 levels into Day 1. With the opening day of action not scheduled to conclude until after Level 21, that left plenty of room for play at the finale. Pack began the final playing session with the chip lead and remained headstrong.

“Winning three races and busting three people gave me almost half the chips with six [players] left,” Pack said. “That helped tremendously.”

As play narrowed, Pack’s chip lead grew. He eventually took the lead into heads-up play during one of the last levels of the night. Though it looked like the tournament may conclude a day early, Pack and eventual runner-up Christopher Staats were forced to bag following Level 22. Staats was crippled while Pack slept on a chip lead of better than 10-to-1.

“I knew if I continued to play the way I did yesterday, things would work out,” Pack said of taking a commanding chip lead home with him.

Per the players’ request, Day 2 resumed the following day at noon. It took Pack just three hands to pick up [7c][7d] and spike a set against the [Qc][8s] of Staats all-in preflop. The pot made official what the rail knew was coming for a while. Staats earned \$5,952 for his runner-up finish. The deep run marks his third Circuit final table appearance, 14th cash and moves him over \$30,000 in earnings on the tour.

