

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 12  
Horseshoe S. Indiana  
Elizabeth, Ind.  
Event #1  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 167  
Prize Pool: \$50,100  
October 1-2, 2015**



## **Joseph Mattingly Takes Down the First Event in Southern Indiana**

**Celebration is in order for the WSOP's newest champion – Joseph Mattingly**

**Elizabeth, Ind. (Oct. 2, 2015)** -- Joseph Mattingly has come from behind in Event #1 to beat James Hill heads-up and earn his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring. Mattingly, who remained near the middle of the counts for most of the final table, stayed patient and was able to fully capitalize as soon as good cards started coming his way.

Mattingly started out heads-up play against Hill as a 2:1 dog in chips. After nearly a whole level of grinding away with no real changes in the stack, Mattingly was able to completely reverse roles when he doubled up through Hill by slow playing quads. Mattingly hit quads on the turn and checked to Hill who checked behind. The river brought a full house for Hill and Mattingly was able to double up after a bet, a raise by Hill and then a three-bet all-in by Mattingly, which was called by Hill after quite a bit of verbal deliberation.

Mattingly perfectly used his momentum and his opponent's frustration to win the tournament just a few hands later. Mattingly flopped a king high flush and induced Hill to move all-in on the turn drawing dead. The gold ring and the money was Mattingly's as soon as the meaningless river card hit.

"[Hill] is super tough. He will never give anything away. He will not put a coin in the pot if he does not have a draw or the best hand," said Mattingly about his heads-up opponent.

The 59-year-old Mattingly is a grain farmer from Springfield, Kentucky. He now has 11 WSOP related cashes to his name. His most recent WSOP cash prior to today's victory came at this year's Seniors event in Las Vegas. Mattingly finished in 47th place out of the massive 4,193 player field to earn \$9,773 - his largest WSOP score up until today.

"Well bad luck, but it was great. I love going to Vegas and playing the Seniors event every year." said Mattingly on his deep run at this year's Seniors event.

Mattingly was ecstatic about earning some WSOP hardware, but said that it was now time to after a gold bracelet to pair with his newly acquired gold ring.

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Event #1 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe S. Indiana. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 167 players generating a \$50,100 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at noon and lasted until the final table was reached, which was shortly into Level 19 around 12:15 a.m. Friday. Day 2 began Friday at 2 p.m. with nine players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 5:45 p.m. near the end of Level 23.

Notes on the event:

- ◁ Charlie Dawson's (4th place) last cash in a WSOP event was a first place finish at Lumiere last season. This marked his 29th career WSOP Circuit cash, more than the rest of the final table combined.
- ◁ Mattingly reached two Circuit final tables at the property in 2007 when it was Caesars Indiana. Both times he finished in sixth place.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Horseshoe S. Indiana twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 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](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe S. Indiana:

EVENT #1: Joseph Mattingly defeated 167 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,527.

With the first tournament wrapped up, 11 more ring events remain at the Horseshoe S. Indiana series.

All rings at S. Indiana are furnished by [Jostens](http://Jostens), the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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