

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Horseshoe S. Indiana
Elizabeth, Ind.
Event #10
The Main Event
Buy-In: \$1500 (+\$175)
Total Entries: 374
Prize Pool: \$561,000
Oct. 9-12, 2015**



Redemption for Russ Head

Epic heads-up match ends with Russ Head earning his second career WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Elizabeth, Ind. (October 12, 2015) – Russ Head would not be denied the Horseshoe S. Indiana Circuit Main Event championship this year. One year ago Head finished runner-up in this very same event and it stung. Head wanted the win. He wanted the gold ring, but missed out on it by just one spot. This year he willed his way to the gold ring by coming back from being the final table short stack to the final table champion.

Shortly after the money was reached, Head was involved in a pot where he held pocket aces and went on to knock his opponent out. Head could feel the momentum swinging in his favor and he called it right then and there that he was going to win the tournament.

“I am going to win it,” said Head. “Last year I got second and this year I am going to win it.”

Win it is exactly what Head went on to do. It was no easy task though. Head survived a heads-up battle with runner-up finisher, Abhishek Yerra that lasted more than six hours and involved several lead changes. Head was able to use the experience he gained from last year’s heads up battle against Greg Johnson to his advantage.

“Last year when I played Greg heads-up I played very fast, very aggressive. This year I wanted to play small ball as much as I could, see the flops and not get my money in until I knew I had him,” said Head.

Head entered the final table tied for the shortest stack. He had a lot of ground to make up if he wanted to catch up to the chip leader, Richard Bai. Head doubled through Bai in the first level play on Day 3 when he made hero call for all of his chips against the chip leader. Head called on the river for all of his chips with ace-four of spades on a 7s-4c-2d-ks-2c board. Bai ended up only having ace high. That pot rocketed Head near the top of the chip counts and he never looked back from there.

Head plays for the rings. He already has a full time job that pays the bills and he comes to these WSOP stops with one intention, and that is to win gold rings. Head now has reached seven WSOP Circuit final tables in his career. He has two wins, two second places, a third place, a fifth

place and a ninth place. Head has experienced the frustration of coming within just a few spots of the gold ring, just to fall short.

“It’s bittersweet because you get a decent payday, but for guys like me that work full time and do this as a dream, well, you put your heart and soul into this and want first so bad,” said Head about his multiple close finishes in the past. “Second money is great, but there is no ring involved.”

Head earned \$123,420 for his first place finish. It is the largest poker score of his career. Head donates 10% of all of his winnings to “We the Church”, a new church in his hometown of Rome, Georgia. Head plans to use some of the money to remodel the kitchen for his wife.

Along with the \$123,420 cash prize, Head earns his second career WSOP Circuit gold ring and an automatic bid into the 2016 Global Casino Championship. Head qualified for the 2015 National Championship as one of the 50 at-large bids. He finished short of the money.

Head wanted to thank Shala, his wife, for supporting him chasing his dreams. He also wanted to thank Adam Dyer, Blake and Jaxson for watching his store, so that he could make this event.

This year’s Horseshoe S. Indiana Main Event drew 374 entries. It was the largest Main Event this property has ever hosted. Several notable names made the money, including five-time gold ring winner, Kurt Jewell (17th), ring winners Michael Hahn (24th) and Raymond Walton (38th), Dean Schultz (39th), and three-time gold ring winner, Robert Hankins (44th).

The Main Event was the 10th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe S. Indiana. The \$1,675 no-limit hold’em event attracted 374 entries. The total prize pool came to \$561,000 and the top 45 players were paid.

The tournament featured two starting flights beginning Friday, October 9 at noon and Saturday, October 10 at noon. Flight A drew 151 entries and advanced 47 while Flight B attracted 223 and advanced 69.

Play restarted Sunday at 1 p.m. with 116 players. Day 2 wrapped up at about 1:15 a.m. with nine players remaining.

Day 3 began Monday at 1 p.m. and concluded at about 11:30 p.m. midway through Level 33.

Final table seating assignments:

Action began with 23 minutes left Level 24 – 10,000/20,000 with a 3,000 ante

Seat 1: George Woody – 625,000 (31 BBs)
Seat 2: Lytle Allen – 729,000 (36 BBs)
Seat 3: Chad Eveslage – 571,000 (28 BBs)
Seat 4: Russ Head – 466,00 (23 BBs)
Seat 5: William Watson – 1,354,000 (67 BBs)

Seat 6: Kim Schinco – 656,000 (32 BBs)
Seat 7: Richard Bai – 1,556,000 (77 BBs)
Seat 8: John Mahler – 466,000 (23 BBs)
Seat 9: Abhisek Yerra – 1,050,000 (52 BBs)

About the Final Table:

1st: Russ Head - \$123,420
Hometown: Rome, Ga.
Age: 43
Occupation: Poker/Business Owner
Circuit Earnings: \$195,474

2nd: Abhishek Yerra - \$76,268
Hometown: Franklin, Tenn.
Age: 34
Occupation: Database Architect
Circuit Earnings: \$0

3rd: William Watson - \$55,730
Hometown: Lexington, Ky.
Age: 26
Occupation: Poker Dealer
Circuit Earnings: \$13,920

4th: Richard Bai - \$41,379
Hometown: Chicago, Ill.
Age: 27
Occupation: Poker Player
Circuit Earnings: \$13,815

5th: George Woody II - \$31,203
Hometown: S. Charleston, W. Va.
Age: 43
Occupation: Auto Shop Owner
Circuit Earnings: \$0

6th: Chad Eveslage - \$23,882
Hometown: Ramsey, Ind.
Age: 24
Occupation: Poker Player
Circuit Earnings: \$77,987

7th: John Mahler - \$18,546
Hometown: Dallas, Tex.
Age: 43
Occupation: Financial Advisor/Business Owner
Circuit Earnings: \$849

8th: Lytle Allen - \$14,608
Hometown: Nashville, Tenn.
Age: 41
Circuit Earnings: \$3,345

9th: Kim Schinco - \$11,669
Hometown: Freeland, Mich.
Age: 59
Occupation: Retired Medical Assistant
Circuit Earnings: \$12,942

Frank Covich accumulated the most overall points during the Horseshoe S. Indiana twelve combined gold ring tournaments and earns the title Casino Champion. He receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino 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 Global Casino 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 Horseshoe S. Indiana:

EVENT #1: Joseph Mattingly defeated 167 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,527
EVENT #2: Frank Covich defeated 731 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$43,860
EVENT #3: Robert Cheung defeated 124 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$10,416
EVENT #4: Clayton Jiang defeated 105 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$9,450
EVENT #5: Cody Pack defeated 164 players (\$365 NLHE 6-Max) for \$13,776
EVENT #6: Connor Graham defeated 142 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$11,928
EVENT #7: Michael Bailey defeated 174 players (\$365 NLHE Bounty) for \$9,396
EVENT #8: Randell Harrod defeated 166 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,446
EVENT #9: Ben Beighle defeated 76 players (\$365 PLO w/Re-Buys) for \$22,406
MAIN EVENT: Russ Head defeated 374 players (\$1,675 NLHE) for \$123,420
EVENT #11: Luca Johnston defeated 113 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$10,170
EVENT #12: Jared Palmer defeated 88 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$8,448

The 2015 Horseshoe S. Indiana series is now complete.

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