

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Horseshoe Casino

Hammond, Ind.

Event #5

H.O.R.S.E.

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

Total Entries: 101

Prize Pool: \$50,500

October 19-20, 2015



Jim Juvancic Wins Hammond HORSE

Chicago-area pro bests three-time ring Josh Reichard to go wire-to-wire and earn \$15,149.

Hammond, Ind. (October 20, 2015) — Jim Juvancic's hot year continued Tuesday night at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind. The Chicago-area pro, who kicked off 2015 with a victory in the property's Chicago Poker Classic, kept up his winning ways besting 101 in a \$580 HORSE tournament. On top of his first gold ring, the performance earned Juvancic \$15,149, a \$1,675 Main Event seat and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

"With the quality of players it was really who got the better cards," Juvancic said of the feat. "I was fortunate enough to do pretty well."

As the Circuit's newest champ alluded to, the Event #5 final table was one of the most stacked of the season. Five of the final eight players laid claim to a ring and three of them – Josh Reichard (third), Joshua Turner (fourth) and Hussain Sajwani (fifth) – were multiple-time winners. One of the ringless final tablists, Sachin Bhargava, owned a Chicago Poker Classic victory. Despite their laundry list of accomplishments, Juvancic, a newly-turned pro, maneuvered his start-of-day chip lead into the winner's circle over the course of just a few hours.

Although he began the final day of play leading the 16 returning players, Juvancic held one of the shortest stacks by the time play consolidated to the unofficial final table.

"I hit a couple bumps in the road," Juvancic said. "I wasn't really happy with how I was playing in a couple hands. In games like HORSE, you're never out of it [...] I was patient. I didn't try to get it in and force anything. I got my couple double ups and next thing you knew everything was clicking."

One of Juvancic's toughest tests came in the form of runner up Reichard. Reichard began the second day of play as the short stack. Much like Juvancic, he remained patient and eventually found himself heads up for his fourth career Circuit ring. In the end, he busted one spot shy hitting the rail second for \$9,364.

"It wasn't easy," Juvancic said of the win. "With a final table like this, obviously you have to hit some hands."

