

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Horseshoe Casino

Hammond, Ind.

High Roller – Event #11

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$5,000 (+\$300)

Total Entries: 54

Prize Pool: \$270,000

October 25-26, 2015



Zachery Schneider Wins First-Ever \$5,300 High Roller

Online pro experiences success in the live game, earns \$101,250.

Hammond, Ind. (October 27, 2015) — In a post Black-Friday U.S. poker environment, it is very rare for a relative unknown online pro to breakout and have a six-figure score in the biggest buy-in event that the World Series of Poker Circuit offers. But after spending the majority of his seven-year professional poker career online, Zachery Schneider put his stamp on the live arena by topping a field of 54 and winning \$101,250 in the \$5,300 WSOP Hammond High Roller.

“I’ve had my eye on this event for a couple weeks,” said the 31 year-old Harvard, Ill. native. “It feels good to finish it off the way I wanted to.”

Schneider finished Day 1 of this event as the chip leader and was able to take that momentum into Day 2. He held steady at the top of the counts all day and eventually got down to heads-up against a fellow professional, Brandon Fish.

“He’s a pretty accomplished player,” said Schneider of his heads-up opponent. “I had a chance to look at his results before Day 2 started and I knew he’d be a tough match. I thought he played really well.”

Schneider entered heads-up play against Fish with a slight chip disadvantage and Fish had the best of it in the early goings of the match. But after Schneider doubled up with pocket queens against Fish’s pocket nines, he took the chip lead and never let it go.

After a long, three-hour heads-up battle, Fish’s Q-J couldn’t top Schneider’s A-7 and Schneider had locked up by far his biggest tournament score.

“I don’t have any live results really,” said Schneider. “Maybe \$12,000 was my biggest score, but I’m a very accomplished online player. In terms of \$100,000, it’s my biggest score ever. It’s fairly life changing. It’s nice to get my first trademark win. It’s a good day.”

Schneider waded through an original starting field that was littered with professional players. Blake Bohn, Aaron Massey, Cord Garcia, Daniel Weinman, and Harrison Gimbel were just a few of the notable pros that Schneider had to outlast to make it to the final table en route to his victory.

