

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 12

Horseshoe Casino

Hammond, Ind.

Event #12

No-Limit Hold'em Turbo

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

Total Entries: 216

Prize Pool: \$64,800

October 26, 2015



Josh Reichard Wins Last-Chance Turbo and Casino Championship

Wisconsin pro sends off in style in the last of 12 gold ring events, wins \$16,201, his fourth gold ring and earns Hammond Casino Champion honors.

Hammond, Ind. (October 27, 2015) — Josh Reichard is a four-time ring winner following a victorious performance in Event #12 of the Horseshoe Hammond Circuit series, a \$365 last-chance turbo tournament. Reichard won \$16,201 and another gold trophy, but more than that, goes home with the Casino Championship title. His impressive run over the last 12 days included first-, second- and third-place finishes totaling 117.5 points. That number put him far and away atop the leaderboard as the only player in triple digits. For his efforts, he has a seat reserved in the first-ever WSOP Global Casino Championship.

“Locking up Casino Champ — going on to win the last tournament — it feels great,” Reichard said.

Reichard is 24 years old and resides in nearby Janesville, Wisc. The battle-tested pro has been traveling the Circuit for four years and, including this year, has qualified for the season-ending championship three times. While his first two stints came up dry, he’s optimistic about what’s ahead.

“The first one was disappointing,” he said. “I ran deep and got it in good with 25 left and lost. The second one I was one of the first eliminated against [five-time ring winner Valentin Vornicu]. He’s so crazy it’s hard to play against him. He had top set against my bottom two. I look forward to having another shot at it.”

Two of Reichard’s previous three victories came in \$365 no-limit hold’em tournaments while another was in a \$365 Omaha eight-or-better event. His path to the winner’s circle in Event #12 at the Horseshoe was a tough one. He came to the final table with the chip lead and needing just a fifth-place finish to best then-leader Jim Juvancic in the points race. With the likes of five-time ring winner Mark “Pegasus” Smith and Tom Midena in his path, surely this test would be one of his toughest.

Midena and Smith made it easy on Reichard, though, busting 10th and ninth respectively. For Smith, the cash marked the 45th of his Circuit career and moved him over \$600,000 in career WSOP-related earnings.

