

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Planet Hollywood Las Vegas

Event #5

No-Limit Holdem Turbo

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 127

Total Prize Pool: \$38,100

November 15, 2015

AJ Thompson Wins Turbo Event at WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood

Thompson earns his first Circuit ring and over \$10,000.

Las Vegas (16 November 2015) – AJ Thompson won his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring on Sunday. He won Event #2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo at Planet Hollywood, pocketing \$10,668 for his victory.

"It's an awesome feeling. Pretty amazing," Thompson said after the event. He almost didn't get a chance to experience that feeling. Originally, Thompson wasn't even planning on playing this event. He made Day 2 of Event #1: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry, which restarted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Unfortunately, he was eliminated just before reaching the money. But on the bright side, it was perfect timing to jump into the 4:00 p.m. turbo event. "It was great end to the day," he added. "I wasn't even planning on playing it. My buddy texted me, 'The turbo's starting right now. Jump in.'" Less than 12 hours later, Thompson had earned his first ring.

The conclusion of the tournament was good timing, too. After the event ended, Thompson had only about 4 hours before his flight back home to Montana.

This is the biggest live tournament score ever for Thompson, a 29-year old environmental specialist.

The event attracted 127 players and a prize pool of \$38,100. The top 15 players made the money, including Kennii Nguyen (2nd place, \$6,594) and Nick Phoenix (4th place, \$3,497).

This was a one-day tournament, held on November 15, 2015. It began at 4:00 p.m., and reached the final table just after midnight. Thompson secured his victory at about 3:00 a.m., making the total length of the tournament about 11 hours.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

At the conclusion of this event, Brandon West retains the lead in the Casino Champion race. West and AJ Thompson both have 50 points, but West holds the tiebreaker (money earned). The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Planet Hollywood earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the

\$1 million 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. The winner of the Planet Hollywood Main Event earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 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 Planet Hollywood so far:

EVENT #1: Brandon West defeated 1,162 entries (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$106,303.

EVENT #5: AJ Thompson defeated 127 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo) for \$10,866.

With the second tournament now wrapped up, there are still 10 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood concludes on November 23.

All rings at Planet Hollywood are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2015 WSOP Circuit season.

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