

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Horseshoe Tunica

Event #3

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 430

Total Prize Pool: \$129,000

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Robb Idsinga Wins 1-Day Event at the Horseshoe Tunica

Doug "Rico" Carli finishes 43rd, earning his 100th WSOP Circuit Cash

Tunica, Miss. (22 January 2016) – Robb Idsinga won his first WSOP Circuit ring on Friday at the Horseshoe Tunica. He earned \$28,379 for his victory in Event #3: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em. For Idsinga, a 22-year old from Michigan, the win represents a big step forward in his poker career and validation of his hard work.

This is by far the biggest tournament cash of Idsinga's career. His previous best cash on record was for \$5,402, and his score here at the Horseshoe is more than five times that amount. Idsinga credits his success here with hard work he's been putting in playing tournaments across the country. "I've been playing everywhere," he said. And his recent results show tournament cashes in his home state of Michigan, in Indiana, in Las Vegas, and now here in Tunica.

For Idsinga, Friday's victory gave him a feeling of redemption after his last deep run in a WSOP Circuit event ended sooner than he would've liked. In October, he finished 24th in the Monster Stack event at the Horseshoe Hammond. He said he held a big chip lead, and felt like he squandered it, along with a great opportunity to win a big event. History didn't repeat itself, though. In fact, Idsinga started the final table in seventh place out of nine players, and continually climbed the leaderboard from that point on. When only two players were left – Idsinga and Andrew Brinkley – Idsinga held the chip lead, and heads-up play didn't last long.

This event was scheduled as a one-day tournament, but didn't have a turbo structure – a rarity on the WSOP Circuit. The result was a long day of poker that left the eventual winner exhausted in his moment of triumph. At first, he barely cracked a smile when posing for the traditional winner's photo, joking, "I'm too tired to smile."

The tournament attracted 430 players, and play began at 11:00 a.m. on Friday morning. They reached the final table of nine players just after midnight, and Idsinga secured his victory at about 2:15 a.m. In total Idsinga and runner-up Andrew Brinkley played for over 15 hours.

Earlier in the tournament, another player very quietly made World Series of Poker Circuit history. Doug "Rico" Carli finished in 43rd place (\$583), thus earning his 100th WSOP Circuit cash. Carli has held the record for most career Circuit cashes for a long time, and has now accentuated that accomplishment by crossing the century mark.

Also finishing in the money was Jonathan Hilton, who won the WSOP National Championship in 2013.

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

At the conclusion of this event, Robb Idsinga takes over the lead in the Casino Champion race. Idsinga, Johnny McNally, and Romeo White are all tied with 50 points each, but Idsinga holds the tiebreaker (money earned). The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at the Horseshoe Tunica earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. The winner of the Horseshoe Tunica Main Event also earns an automatic entry to the Global Casino Championship. 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 the Horseshoe Tunica so far:

EVENT #1: Johnny McNally defeated 276 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$19,875.

EVENT #2: Romeo White defeated 138 players (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$11,589

EVENT #3: Robb Idsinga defeated 430 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$28,379

With the third tournament now wrapped up, there are still nine more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at the Horseshoe Tunica concludes on Feb 1.

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

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