2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Bally's Las Vegas Event #4 No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$365 Total Entries: 260 Total Prize Pool: \$78,000 February 29-March 1, 2016

## Jeff Dobrin Wins His 2<sup>nd</sup> WSOP Circuit Ring at Bally's Las Vegas

Dobrin Defeated a Stacked Final Table to Earn Nearly \$20,000

Las Vegas (2 March, 2016) – Jeff Dobrin won the second World Series of Poker Circuit ring of his career Tuesday night. He finished in first place in Event #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em at Bally' Las Vegas, earning \$19,110.

Dobrin ("Dobie," to his friends) had a tough road to the winner's circle. The final table included seven-time ring Ari Engel (tied for second on the <u>all-time rings list</u>) – and six-time ring winner Cory Waaland (tied for fifth all time). As players were eliminated and the field dwindled, Waaland and Engel held strong, as did Dobrin. After about three hours on the final day, only the three of them remained.

About an hour later, Engel was eliminated in third place (\$8,531). Dobrin held the chip lead at that point, but Waaland was highly motivated to win another ring and tie Engel for seven career rings. Waaland was able to close the gap, but Dobrin kept his lead and eventually collected all the chips on the table.

"It was extra motivating to play with them," Dobrin said after his win. "It's really an honor to play with a world-class player like Ari, and playing with great players helps me elevate my game."

A casual observer may have considered Engel or Waalnd the favorite because of their distinguished poker resumes, but anyone keeping a close eye on the tournaments here at Bally's would know better than to underestimate Dobrin. This was the third ring event here, and Dobrin has cashed in all three. He narrowly missed the official final table in Event #2: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em, finishing in tenth place.

Dobrin, of course, is not at all surprised by his recent run of success. "I've been stuck on the bad end of variance for a while," he said. "I knew eventually it would turn around." He added tht after coming close to winning a bracelet last summer (he finished in fourth place in the <u>Lucky</u> <u>Sevens Event</u>), he started traveling more and playing more tournaments, and despite a downswing he was confident in his game.

Dobrin also finds motivation for success from his personal life. "I really want to thank my Melissa. She's the most incredible person I know, and she supports me in every aspect of my life. I'm just so thankful that she's in my corner."

The tournament began on Monday with 260 players. Only eight made it to Day 2. The resumed play at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and Dobrin secured his victory just before 7:30 p.m.

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

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At the conclusion of this event, Jeff Dobrin takes the lead in the Casino Champion race. With three cashes, he now has 62.5 points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments Bally's Las Vegas earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2016 WSOP Global Casino Championship. The winner of the Bally's Las Vegas 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 <u>WSOP.com</u>.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Bally's Las Vegas so far:

EVENT #1: Long Tran defeated 1,082 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$55,321. EVENT #2: Tamer Korman defeated 139 entries (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$19,459. EVENT #4: Jeff Dobrin defeated 260 entries (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$19,110. EVENT #5: Karen Sarkisyan defeated 113 entries (\$580 Big O) for \$17,516.

With this tournament now wrapped up, there are still eight more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Bally's Las Vegas concludes on Feb 1.

All rings at Bally's Las Vegas are furnished by <u>Jostens</u>, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2015 WSOP Circuit season.

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