

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit

Bally's Las Vegas

Event #6

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 198

Total Prize Pool: \$99,000

March 1-2, 2016

David Aker Wins \$580 NLHE Event at WSOP Circuit at Bally's Las Vegas

Cody Pack Finished Runner-Up, Just Barely Misses Circuit History

Las Vegas (3 March, 2016) – David Aker won his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring Wednesday night, defeating nearly 200 players to win Event #6: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em at Bally's Las Vegas. It was Aker's third in-the-money here at Bally's, and he earns \$25,740 for the victory.

Throughout the final table, Aker showcased his fun-loving personality. He and most of his tablemates were clearly enjoying the game. And after the tournament was over, Aker could hardly contain his excitement, flashing his broad smile as he celebrated with his friends on the rail. "This feels more than great," he said later. "I've been going for it forever."

Aker added that 2015 had been a difficult year for him, and he'd been working hard to turn things around. "I lost a lot my bankroll last year. So just I honed down, I got online, I did my thing, and I built it back up. I've been playing the game a long time and I decided to finally study and put my work in." He also credited help from his friends, who supported him with his studying and helped him keep a positive attitude.

Aker faced tough competition on his road to victory. The final table included former November Niner John Dolan, four-time Circuit ring winner Cody Pack, and ring-winner Josh Mancuso, among others. After the event, Aker noted how difficult it was to play against such a skilled table, but also said it made the win sweeter. "To win my first ring, and win it against these guys, it feels really good."

Pack came within reach of making Circuit history. He already has three rings this season, and with one more he'd set the single-season record. In addition to his three rings, he now has three other final tables this season, and is closing in on the single-season points record. The record was set a few years ago by Rex Clinkscales. (Using the current point system, Clinkscales earned 302.5 points in 2012/13 – plus he won a Circuit Main Event.) Pack now has 285 points this season. His place in the Global Casino Championship is virtually assured, and he has a few more months to chase the points record.

The tournament started Tuesday at noon with 198 players. Six survived to the end of Day 1. They resumed play on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., and Aker secured his victory just before 6:00.

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

At the conclusion of this event, David Aker takes over the lead in the Casino Champion race. With three cashes, he has 65 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 WSOP.com.

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 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$19,459.
EVENT #4: Jeff Dobrin defeated 260 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$19,110.
EVENT #5: Karen Sarkisyan defeated 113 players (\$580 Big O) for \$17,516.
EVENT #6: David Aker defeated 198 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$25,740.

With this tournament now wrapped up, there are still seven more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Bally's Las Vegas concludes on March 7.

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

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