2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit Bally's Las Vegas Event #10 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack

Buy-In: \$365

**Total Entries: 681** 

Total Prize Pool: \$204,300

March 3-4, 2016

## Roland Israelashvili Wins Monster Stack Event at Bally's Las Vegas

Israelashvili wins his fourth career WSOP Circuit ring and over \$40,000

**Las Vegas (5 March, 2016) –** At About 2:30 Saturday morning, Roland Israelashvili won the Monster Stack event at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Bally's Las Vegas. He earned \$41,888 for the victory.

The Monster Stack Event gives players twice as many tournament chips as a standard Circuit event. That extends the playing time and tends to favor skilled players.

Israelashvili certainly falls into that category. This is his fourth WSOP Circuit ring, tying him for fourth-place on the all-time list. His last ring came at the tail end of last season at Foxwoods.

This is also Israelashvili's 34<sup>th</sup> career Circuit cash. The player who holds the record for most career cashes – Doug "Rico" Carli – finished in 37<sup>th</sup> place in this Monster Stack tournament, extending his own record to 103.

After the event, Israelashvili said he didn't really have any plans to celebrate, except for jumping into the Circuit Main Event at Bally's on Saturday.

The tournament started at noon on Thursday with 681 players. The total prize pool was \$204,300, and the top 72 places made the money. At the end of play Thursday night, 48 players remained. They returned at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, and reached the final table at about 10:30 p.m. Israelashvili secured his victory just before 2:30 a.m.

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

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At the conclusion of this event, David Aker retains 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.

EVENT #7: Richard Mullen defeated 215 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$16,128.

EVENT #9: Clayton Jiang defeated 253 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo) for \$18,595.

EVENT #10: Roland Israelashvili defeated 681 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack) for \$41,888.

With this tournament now wrapped up, there are still five 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 <u>Jostens</u>, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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