2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #9
The Main Event
Buy-In: $1,500 (+$175)
Total Entries: 370
Prize Pool: $555,000
March 23-26, 2016

Robert Kuhn Wins Main Event at Harrah's Atlantic City

25-year-old poker pro steamrolls a tough final table to win $122,098 and his first gold ring

Atlantic City, NJ (March 26, 2016) – Robert Kuhn is the newest champion of the WSOP Circuit, dominating a tough final table to win the Harrah's Atlantic City Main Event for $122,098, a diamond-studded gold ring, and a reserved seat in the 2016 WSOP Global Championship.

Kuhn is a 25-year-old poker pro from Barnesville, Ohio, who splits his time between Mexico (where he plays online poker) and Ohio. This is the first six-figure score for Kuhn, whose previous high was earning $72,137 for finishing sixth at the WSOP Circuit Hammond Main Event last October.

At the start of the final table, the favorite to win was Ari Engel, who won Event #7 ($580 No-Limit Hold'em) earlier this series and was playing for the ninth WSOPC ring of his career to tie the all-time record. Kuhn may have started the final table with the chip lead, but Engel was second in chips and had position on Kuhn, sitting on his left.

Engel wasn't the only tough spot, as WSOP bracelet winner Jared Jaffee and two-time WSOPC ring winner Joseph Liberta were also in the mix, though with much smaller chip stacks. But Kuhn was so focused on Engel that he sacrificed sleep to study Engel's recent victory at Aussie Millions.

"I watched about four hours of Aussie Millions footage last night. I had a really good grasp on Ari -- a really good grasp," said Kuhn. "I went to bed at 2:00 and woke up at 7:00 and just studied. I wanted to sleep in, but I just couldn't."

The extra preparation worked for Kuhn, who was never in danger at the final table, only giving up the lead for a single hand with six players remaining. Kuhn immediately bounced back in the next hand by five-bet shoving against Dorian Rios, who tanked for about two minutes before