

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Potawatomi
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em (30-minute levels)
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 324
Prize Pool: \$97,200
Feb. 5, 2016**



Winston Ackerman Wins the One-Day

Winston Ackerman goes from work to poker to champion.

MILWAUKEE (February 6, 2017) -- The [World Series of Poker](#)'s newest champion is Winston Ackerman. Ackerman defeated a 324 players in Potawatomi's third event to win his first career gold ring. Event #3 was a one-day event that spanned 15 and a half hours over Sunday and early Monday morning.

In a long day of poker like in Event #3 managing fatigue and staying alert can be difficult, but the players that can do it the best usually come out on top. Ackerman was able to fight the fatigue well enough to win, despite being at a disadvantage. Ackerman did not sleep the night before the event. Instead, Ackerman was working. By the end of the tournament Ackerman had been up for about 33 hours [straight](#).

"I had gotten off work yesterday morning and just checked the schedule online and I wanted to play a one-day event," said Ackerman.

Ackerman said he had a pretty hectic work schedule, so playing a one-day event was key for him.

"Throughout the tournament I was dozing off here and there. Then I went and got a Red Bull and something to eat and it kind of woke me up a little bit. At the final table I was pretty much awake," said Ackerman.

Ackerman's decision to ignore sleep and play the event was well worth the effort. His first place payout totaled \$22,842. This was also Ackerman's first career WSOP cash. He said he doesn't get to play a whole lot of poker because of work, but tries to squeeze in a few tournaments in at his local casino on his off days.

Ackerman's plan to celebrate the victory is firstly to get some sleep. Ackerman will try to keep the run good going. He has eye on returning for next weekend's Main Event.

Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Potawatomi. The \$365 No-Limit [Hold'em](#) tournament attracted 324 players generating a \$97,200 prize pool. The top 33 players were paid.

It was a one-day event. The tournament began at 11 a.m. Sunday and finished 2:30 a.m. Monday.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Potawatomi twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry in the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 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 Potawatomi series:

EVENT #1: Ty Veras defeated 1,272 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$67,726

EVENT #2: Yousef Anbar defeated 235 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$29,371

EVENT #3: Winston Ackerman defeated 324 players (\$365 NLHE 30-minute) for \$22,842

With three tournaments wrapped up, nine more ring events remain at the Potawatomi series.

All rings at the Potawatomi series are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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