

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Horseshoe Hammond

Hammond, Indiana

Event #12

High Roller (Single Re-entry)

Buy-In: \$5,000 (+300)

Total Entries: 83

Prize Pool: \$415,000

October 23-24, 2016



Ravi Raghavan Wins High Roller, Casino Champion

Elite tournament pro has a monster Monday at Horseshoe Hammond

Hammond, Indiana (October 26, 2016) — Ravi Raghavan is the champion of Event #12 at Horseshoe Hammond, defeating a field of 83 entries to win the \$5,300 High Roller event. Raghavan has a long list of impressive tournament results, but this victory was his first on the WSOP Circuit. He earned the top prize of \$132,798 and his first gold ring. The win also clinched Casino Champion honors for Raghavan, awarding him one of the limited tickets to the WSOP Global Casino Championship.

Those are the facts, but the full context of Raghavan's performance will be remembered for a long time on the Circuit.

Raghavan's Monday began in the \$1,675 Main Event, where he was among the final 28 remaining from a huge starting field of 1,308 entries. This High Roller event had gotten underway the previous afternoon, an event that he would typically play, if not for being otherwise occupied in the Main.

Late registration was still available until the Day 2 restart at 3:00 PM, though, and Raghavan was eliminated from the Main in 16th place at about 2:58. By the time his bustout hand was posted to the live updates at 3:02, he was already in the High Roller field, the second-to-last player to sneak in before registration closed. Only Jean Gaspard got in after Raghavan, and Gaspard was the first player eliminated on Day 2. Raghavan would not be eliminated at all.

Ten hours later, 98 of the 99 tournament tables were empty, and only a few custodians were milling around, tidying up the unnecessaries in the cavernous tournament theater. In a far corner, Raghavan and Keven Stammen were the last two players in action, battling back and forth in a light-hearted heads-up match for the series' final gold ring. Raghavan closed the series with a victory, defeating Stammen to put the exclamation point on a remarkable day at Horseshoe Hammond.

