

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Horseshoe Tunica
Tunica, Mississippi
Event #1
No-Limit Hold'em One Re-Entry
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 218
Prize Pool: \$65,400
January 19, 2017**



Frenchman Foils Foes For First Gold Ring

Jeffrey Noblecourt, a native of France, dominated the competition with his chip lead and took home his first gold ring in only two attempts.

Tunica, Mississippi (January 20, 2017) – Jeffrey Noblecourt won his first World Series of Poker ring Friday afternoon at the Horseshoe Tunica Circuit stop. The 22-year-old Frenchman defeated a field of 218 players to win Event #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em One Re-Entry, taking home the top prize of \$16,350. This was an impressive accomplishment considering the infancy of his poker career.

“My first [Circuit] tournament was a year ago, actually,” said Noblecourt. “It’s my second time being in an event.”

Noblecourt, is a student at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, which is only an hour and a half south of Horseshoe Tunica. Last year, he made the trip to play in one tournament at the WSOP Circuit series, but did not fair too well. Deciding to make the voyage north again this year, Noblecourt certainly made it count this time around, bagging his first gold ring in only two tries.

“I mean, it was tough. The guy was chip leader when we got to heads up,” said Noblecourt. “I played pretty solid at the end, so I’m happy.”

Tracy Larson was Noblecourt’s heads-opponent. Even though Larson may have started with more chips when it came down to the final two, it was Noblecourt who held the chip lead for almost the entire final table. It is safe to say Noblecourt was on a roll and kept it up till every chip was in his possession. Now the full-time student is looking to the near future.

“I might come back next week for the Main Event. I said if I won that one I would come back, so...” Noblecourt stated with high spirits.

Studying finance at DSU, Noblecourt must return to classes this week. However, if he does make an appearance in the Main Event next weekend he could be a force to reckon with. The native of France is in good form and now has a taste for gold.

Event #1 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Tunica series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em One Re-Entry tournament attracted 218 players generating a \$65,400 prizepool. The top 24 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into 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 Horseshoe Tunica series:

EVENT #1: Jeffrey Noblecourt defeated 218 players (\$365 NLHE One Re-Entry) for \$16,350

This was the first gold ring handed out at the Horseshoe Tunica series. Eleven more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Horseshoe Tunica series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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