

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Bicycle Hotel and Casino

Bell Gardens, Ca.

Event #8

The Main Event

Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$175)

Total Entries: 705

Prize Pool: \$1,059,000

March 11-March 14, 2017



Dylan Wilkerson Wins Circuit Main Event in Los Angeles

Poker pro wins first Circuit ring after back-to-back deep runs in Circuit main events.

Bell Gardens, Ca. (March 14, 2017) – Dylan Wilkerson has only played two Circuit events this year, but he’s had a stellar showing in both tournaments.

At the end of February, Wilkerson finished 11th in the WSOP Circuit main event at the Rio and took home \$20,908. Just a few weeks later, Wilkerson improved on his performance and won the main event at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino. He topped a 705-entry field to win \$216,790 and his first Circuit ring.

“Winning always feels great,” said Wilkerson after his win. “Regardless of how big. And this was pretty big. So yeah, it’s really good.”

Coming into the final day, Wilkerson was one of the shorter stacks, but he wasn’t thinking about any missed opportunities in Las Vegas. He was just focused on the task at hand in Southern California – running up a stack and taking down a tournament.

“Honestly, Rio hadn’t crossed my mind,” said Wilkerson. “It’s nice to be able to finish this one off, but the cliché is ‘Just take it one hand at a time.’ And that’s basically what I was doing. I was just trying to play my best here.”

Playing his best is what Wilkerson had to do to come out on top. With so much poker talent remaining in the field on the final day and at the final table, the San Francisco native didn’t have much room for error.

Two-time bracelet winner and 2001 WSOP Main Event Champion Carlos Mortensen came into the final day and vying for his second ring before eventually finishing eighth, Matt Stout was looking to add to his \$3.5 million in tournament earnings, while top-notch British pros Iaron Lightbourne and Toby Lewis were also in the field.

Going up against such tough competition, Wilkerson attributed some of his success to a little bit of positive variance.

“The final table was really tough and had really good players,” he said. “Fortunately, I just happened to get good cards at the right time, for the most part. I knew it was going to be a challenge and it was. Things just worked out.

Even with the final table having such tough competition, Wilkerson’s poker resume is nothing to be ashamed of. Wilkerson has won some major tournaments and with this cash, he crosses the \$2 million mark in live tournament earnings.

But in WSOP-branded events, Wilkerson’s success has been limited and has made him somewhat unknown to the casual poker fan. He doesn’t strive for fame, however. The soft-spoken is fine with whatever happens as long as he leaves it all on the felt.

“That’s not really a focus of mine,” said Wilkerson about becoming a more household name in the poker world. “If people know me, great. If not, I’m just trying to do my best.”

In addition to the ring and the prize money, Wilkerson wins a free entry into the 2017 WSOP Global Casino Championship. Every Main Event winner and Casino Champion on the Circuit during the 2016-2017 season receives a free entry worth \$10,000, and the event will have a minimum prize pool of \$1,000,000. The Global Casino Championship will be in August at Harrah’s Cherokee in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Wilkerson admittedly hasn’t played many Circuit events and didn’t expect to be able to qualify for this event, but now that he’s got a seat, he’s only got one goal.

“I hope to win,” said Wilkerson about his seat in the Global Casino Championship. “I never really thought about it until just now. I never thought I was going to play it. I’m thrilled that I’ll get a chance. I’ll get to go out there and play for a bracelet against some fellow winners. I guess we’ll see what happens.”

The tournament began Saturday with Day 1A, which attracted 304 entries. Day 1B saw an additional 374 entries and there were 27 players that registered before the start of Day 2. Registration closed when cards got in the air for Day 2 and the 705-entry field generated a prize pool of \$1,059,000. In-the-money finishers include Phil Laak (72nd, \$2,960), Jared Griener (66th, \$2,960), Steve Sung (62nd, \$2,960), Anthony Spinella (60th, \$2,960), Jack Duong (58th, \$3,225), Jesse Yaginuma (50th, \$3,530), James Romero (49th, \$3,530), actor Bill Fagerbakke (39th, \$3,915), Joe Serock (\$37th, \$3,915), Nipun Java (27th, \$6,565), Mike Leah (20th, \$9,115), Carlos Mortensen (8th, \$25,550), Matt Stout (5th, \$55,150) and Toby Lewis (2nd, \$134,145). Among those who entered but didn’t make the money are Kyle Cartwright, Maria Ho, Danny Wong, Robert Kuhn, Danny Illingworth, Bart Hanson, Upeshka De Silva, and Ryan Feldman.

The Main Event was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Bicycle Hotel and Casino. The \$1,675 no-limit hold’em event attracted 705 entries. The total prize pool came to \$1,059,000 and the top 72 players were paid.

The tournament featured two starting flights beginning Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12 at 12 p.m. Flight A boasted 304 entries and advanced 55, while Flight B drew 374 and advanced 90. Both starting flights logged 15 levels of play.

Day 2 restarted Monday at noon and late registration didn’t close until cards got in the air. There were 27 players who opted to buy-in before the start of Day 2 and there were 172 players

remaining at the start of the day. The money bubble burst in the middle of Level 18 (~3:05 p.m.) and play wrapped at the end of level 25 with 12 players remaining (~12 a.m.).

Day 3 restarted Tuesday at 1 p.m. and they reached the final table near the end of the first level of the day (~1:45 p.m.). Play concluded at the beginning of level 33 (~9:45 p.m.), making the total duration of the finale about eight hours.

Final table seating assignments and chip counts:

Action began with four minutes left in the 15,000/30,000 with a 5,000 ante level (Level 26)

Seat 1: Carlos Mortensen – 1,675,000 (55 BBs)

Seat 2: Lance Allred – 2,925,000 (97 BBs)*

Seat 3: Toby Lewis – 800,000 (26 BBs)

Seat 4: Dylan Wilkerson – 1,900,000 (63 BBs)

Seat 5: Frank Lin - 428,000 (14 BBs)

Seat 6: Matt Stout – 1,400,000 (46 BBs)

Seat 7: Douglas Jefferson – 1,700,000 (56 BBs)

Seat 8: Levon Khachatryan – 950,000 (31 BBs)

Seat 9: Chang Lin – 1,800,000 (60 BBs)

**Chip leader*

About the final table:

1st: Dylan Wilkerson - \$216,790

Hometown: San Francisco, California

WSOP earnings: \$249,863

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$79,985

2nd: Toby Lewis - \$134,145

Hometown: Southampton, England

WSOP earnings: \$248,956

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$12,486

3rd: Douglas Jefferson - \$98,390

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

WSOP earnings: \$0

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

4th: Lance Allred - \$73,170

Hometown: Toluca Lake, California

WSOP earnings: \$128,805

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$149,777

5th: Matt Stout - \$55,150

Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada

WSOP earnings: \$1,148,676

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$226,727

6th: Chang Lin - \$42,120
Hometown: California
WSOP earnings: \$0
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

7th: Frank Lin - \$32,250
Hometown: Los Angeles, California
WSOP earnings: \$47,783
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$80,293

8th: Carlos Mortensen - \$25,550
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada
WSOP earnings: \$3,108,453
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$81,147

9th: Levon Khachatryan - \$20,285
Hometown: Glendale, California
WSOP earnings: \$18,786
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$2,860

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Bicycle Hotel and Casino:

EVENT #1: Fredrick Arni defeated 1,472 players (\$365 NLH Monster Stack) for \$87,010
EVENT #2: William Wolf defeated 127 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,665
EVENT #3: Danny Illingworth defeated 121 players (\$580 NLH) for \$16,495
EVENT #4: Joseph Hoffman defeated 123 players (\$365 Omaha H/L) for \$10,330
EVENT #5: Albert Ng defeated 187 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,585
EVENT #6: Neil Ho defeated 198 players (\$365 NLH Six-Max) for \$16,345
EVENT #7: Joe Marcal defeated 183 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,275
EVENT #8: Dylan Wilkerson defeated 705 players (\$1,675 NLH Main Event) for \$216,790

With still four other events still up for grabs and another full day of action still to take place, the Casino Champion for this stop has yet to be determined. After winning the main event, Wilkerson is the only player at the Bike to punch his ticket to the Global Casino Championship.

All players who cashed in ring events earned points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

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