

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Horseshoe Baltimore

Baltimore, Md.

Event #11

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 179

Prize Pool: \$53,700

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Nikhil Kumar Wins Penultimate Event in Baltimore

Ring winner Jason Rivkin notches another near-miss, another runner-up finish

BALTIMORE, Md. (May 11, 2017) — Nikhil Kumar is the newest first-time winner on the WSOP Circuit. Kumar outlasted a field of 179 entries in the \$365 no-limit hold'em event, earning a new piece of jewelry and the top prize of \$14,500. He also collected 50 points in the season-long race to claim one of the limited seats in the Global Casino Championship.

Kumar is a 25-year-old self-employed professional from Fairfax, Virginia. Being self-employed means that he more or less gets to set his own schedule, and that gives him the luxury of carving out time for poker when the tournaments come to town.

Although he's only been posting live results for about two months, Kumar certainly seems to know his way around the felt. He's finished in the money in four tournaments since March, adding more than \$20,000 to his bankroll. The majority of that, of course, came courtesy of this career-best result.

Event #11 was held over the course of two days, and Kumar ended Day 1 in fourth place with 23 players remaining. He was nipping at the heels of the two chip leaders when they reached the final table of nine, and by the time there were four players left, he had nearly half the total chips in play.

At the end of the night, Kumar found himself heads-up against ring winner Jason Rivkin, who is an accomplished tournament player with more than \$700,000 in live earnings. Unfortunately for Rivkin, he's best known as for being a bit of a recurring bridesmaid lately, finishing as the runner-up in three more ring events and one WSOP bracelet event during the past year.

Rivkin was forced to settle for second place once again this time, as Kumar ran white hot down the stretch. The final hand was a microcosm of that trend, with Kumar's jack-nine out-flopping Rivkin's king-nine to seal the victory.

