2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Nine The Lodge Casino Black Hawk, CO Event #7 No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 196 Prize Pool: \$58,800 March 19-20, 2013



Jason Tulloss Makes Short Work of Event 7

\$365 No-Limit Hold'em finale lasts just one and a half hours.

Rex Clinkscales makes 13th career WSOP Circuit final table, falls short of first ring.

Black Hawk, Colo. (March 20, 2013) — When Day 2 of Event 7, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament, began, it was all Rex Clinkscales, all the time. When the first card went in the air, though, it was a different story.

Clinkscales was making his 13th career WSOP Circuit final table and his ninth of 2012-2013. Despite continued deep runs, the 30-year-old pro from Las Vegas had yet to breakthrough for a gold ring victory.

Unfortunately, that didn't change in Event 7.

He began the day fourth in chips out of ten remaining players, but never got anything going and became one of two eliminations in a three-way pot with the eventual champion, Jason Tulloss.

Clinkscales held [Kd][Tc] against the [Ah][Jc] of Larry Lewis and the [8d][7d] of Tulloss. A flop of [Ac][7c][7h] gave Tulloss a stranglehold on the pot; one he wouldn't let go. Clinkscales was eliminated seventh and Lewis sixth. The massive pot awarded Tulloss a chip lead he would not relinquish.

He won the tournament in dominating fashion, besting the final table in about one hour and 30 minutes. The victory awarded him \$15,289, his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship race.

"I had such a great run of cards," Tulloss said. "[Clinkscales] is such a great player he'll get [his first ring] soon."

With a seventh-place finish in Event 7, Clinkscales now boasts 14 cashes during the 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit. Remarkably, nine of those finishes came in the form of final table appearances. Clinkscales leads the National Championship leaderboard by a margin, but even with his continued success one has to think he'd trade a percentage of the prize money or the points lead for his first ring.

While much of the hoopla surrounding the final table focused on Clinkscales, Tulloss is quite accomplished himself. He left corporate America about a year ago to pursue a life on the road as a professional poker player. He's had some success recording two third-place finishes at the Bicycle Casino in Los Angeles late last year and a 12th-place finish at IP Biloxi.

"I was able to set myself up for the poker tour for basically two years and then I was going to make a judgment call at the end of two years. This [win] certainly makes it easier to make the judgment call," Tulloss said.

Event 7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at The Lodge Casino. No-Limit Hold'em event attracted 196 entries. The total prize pool came to \$58,800 and the top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 11 a.m. and lasted 20 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 3 p.m. with 10 players remaining. The nine-handed final table started at 3:30 p.m. Play finished at about 5 p.m. making the total duration of the final table one and a half hours.

Notes on the Event

• Rex Clinkscales (seventh) made his 13th career WSOP Circuit final table. He leads the WSOP Circuit in cashes in 2012-2013

The player who accumulates the most overall points during The Lodge Casino's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from The Lodge Casino:

EVENT #1: Bryan Campanello defeated 301 players (\$365 NLH) for \$21,223 EVENT #2: Jonathan Alfonso defeated 272 players (\$365 NLH) for \$19,586 EVENT #3: Mitch Schock defeated 516 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$33,284 EVENT #4: Ryan Lenaghan defeated 219 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,426 EVENT #5: Chris Parsons defeated 188 players (\$365 NLH) for \$14,661 EVENT #6: Eric Varnado defeated 148 players (\$365 Limit O8) for \$12,434 EVENT #7: Jason Tulloss defeated 196 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,289

With the seventh tournament wrapped, seven more ring events remain at The Lodge Casino. For more information about the World Series of Poker Circuit, be sure to follow us on Twitter @WSOP or check out WSOP.com. For additional information please contact:

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