



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$500 (+80)
Total Entries: 296
Prize Pool: \$148,000
May 10-11, 2013**

Troy Davis Wins First Gold Ring

Local Business Owner Slays the Dragons and Upsets Caufman Talley's Attempt at a Fourth Gold Ring

Heads-Up Match Goes Nearly Five Hours

New Orleans, LA (May 11, 2013) – The final WSOP Circuit stop of the season rolled into New Orleans this week. This is the 20th WSOP Circuit location to host events, which date back to August 2012.

The second of 12 gold ring events attracted 296 players, a nice turnout given the higher-than-average buy-in. The two-day \$580 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament unfolded in three critical stages – day one, the final table, and heads-up play. In fact, the final heads up match lasted considerably longer than the time it took to play from nine down to two handed.

Rising from the dust was none other than Troy Davis, who ultimately triumphed in what unquestionably was one of the toughest heads-up matches he's encountered. It took Davis almost five hours to defeat a formidable challenger, the runner up Caufman Talley, from Lafayette, LA.

For the victory, Davis collected the handsome sum of \$35,523 in prize money, plus the coveted gold ring.

This marks Davis' third final table appearance in a gold ring event at Harrah's New Orleans. He'd previously finished second and sixth in the past. The third time turned out to be a charm for the winner.

“This was as tough a match as I've ever played,” Davis said afterward. “He wasn't giving me a thing. I sure was thrilled to get the win.”

Indeed, Davis had reason to be proud of the win. His final opponent was aiming for what would have been a fourth gold ring.

There were other notable developments from this tournament, as well.

Gold ring winner Josh “Big Daddy” Pender, from Rock Hill, SC finished fifth. This was his 26th career cash on the WSOP Circuit.

Allen “Chainsaw” Kessler, with more than \$1.1 million in career WSOP winnings also cashed in this event.

The tournament generated a prize pool totaling \$148,000. The top 30 finishers collected prize money. The final table finishers were as follows:

1	Troy Davis	DENHAM SPRINGS, LA, US	\$35,523
2	Caufman Talley	LAFAYETTE, LA, US	\$21,951
3	Richard Thomson	BAYTOWN, TX, US	\$15,928
4	Corey Mathews	ALEXANDRIA, LA, US	\$11,751
5	Joshua Pender	ROCK HILL, SC, US	\$8,813
6	Pejman Niyati	PLANO, TX, US	\$6,716
7	Rogelio Salinas	SAN ANTONIO, TX, US	\$5,198
8	Vadim Balashov	NEW ORLEANS, LA, US	\$4,085
9	Tom Christopher	ROCHEPORT, MO, US	\$3,259

Tournament Notes

- This was the second gold ring event of 12 such tournaments to be held at Harrah's New Orleans.
- This is the final WSOP Circuit stop of the 2013-2014 season.
- Harrah's New Orleans has hosted all nine season-ending series stops since the WSOP Circuit began.
- The two-day tournament began with 296 players. After 14 hours of play on Day One, only 16 survivors remained.
- There were 16 players that started Day Two. It took about two hours to play down to the final table of nine.
- The final table included two gold ring winners – Caufman Talley and Josh “Big Daddy” Pender.
- Heads-up play lasted nearly five hours.
- The final table lasted about eight hours and ended at 1:30 am.

Troy Davis picked up 50 player points for his victory and is now tied for first place in the Casino Champion race. The top 30 finishers all received points.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harrah's New Orleans twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100

Proof. The qualifier will join the winner of the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event (My 17-20), who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Harrah's New Orleans gold ring events only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Harrah's New Orleans runs through May, 20 2013. This is to be followed by the third annual WSOP National Championship, also be be played here in New Orleans.

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