



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
Harrah's New Orleans  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Event 8  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In \$300 (+65)  
Total Entries: 333  
Prize Pool: \$99,900  
May 15-16, 2013**

### **Eric Fields Wins First Gold Ring**

**Two Weeks after Graduating from University of Alabama, Crimson Tide Rolls to Victory at New Orleans**

**Event 1 Winner Joseph McKeehen Finishes Second, Takes Big Lead in Casino Champion Race**

**New Orleans, LA (May 16, 2013)** – This has been an interesting month for Eric Fields.

The 22-year-old fresh out of college who calls Greensboro, NC his home just graduated from the University of Alabama two weeks ago with a degree in business. He decided to come to New Orleans with a few friends to celebrate and proceeded to lose his cell phone. That night, he won \$5,000 – his biggest score ever – in a Pot Limit Omaha cash game. Then, he entered only his second-ever WSOP Circuit event yesterday, and won first place, good for his first gold ring. What a remarkable 14 days.

Fields has only played four poker tournaments, he says. He's played in lots of cash games, but until now, tournament poker was a new concept to the recent graduate. Lack of experience didn't prevent Fields from overcoming several disadvantages at various stages, including being low on chips, as well as facing some tough competition.

In fact, Fields defeated Event 1 winner Joseph McKeehen heads up in the finale. Other tough opponents filled the finale table and tournament room, as well – which didn't seem to faze Fields in the least.

As the latest WSOP Circuit winner, Field received \$22,980 in prize money. He also earned his first gold ring.

The eighth of 12 gold ring events attracted 333 players. The two-day \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament posted a prize pool totaling just shy of \$100,000. The top 36 finishers collected prize money.

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

Remarkably, another University of Alabama graduate from the Class of 2013 made this final table. Matthew Keeton finished seventh. Fields and Keeton made this trip to New Orleans together.

Charles “Woody” Moore made his second final table here at New Orleans. He's a gold ring winner with 25 cashes on the WSOP Circuit.

Gold ring winner Adam Lippert got lucky and cashed in this event.

Three-time gold ring winner La Sengphet cashed in this event.

The final table finishers were as follows:

1st	Eric Fields	Greensboro NC	\$22,980
2nd	Joseph Mckeehen	North Wales, PA	\$14,205
3rd	Timothy Thomasson	River Ridge, LA	\$10,363
4th	Mark Maletic	Canton, MI	\$7,686
5th	Leroy Spires	Las Cruces, NM	\$5,790
6th	Marc Lowe	Tampa, FL	\$4,429
7th	Matthew Keeton	Hampton Cove, AL	\$3,437
8th	Charles Moore	Las Vegas, NV	\$2,705
9th	Sokchheka Pho	Memphis, TN	\$2,160

### **Tournament Notes**

- The two-day tournament began with 33 players. After 14 hours of play on Day One, only 12 survivors remained.
- There were 12 players that started Day Two. It took about half an hour to play down to the final table of nine.
- The final table included two gold ring winners – Joseph McKeehen and Woody Moore.
- The final table lasted about six hours and ended at 10 pm.

Eric Fields picked up 50 player points for his victory in the Casino Champion race. The top 36 finishers all received points. With his second-place finish, Joseph McKeehen now holds a big lead (87.5 points) with only four more gold ring events to go.

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 played here in New Orleans.

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