

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Casino

Cincinnati, OH

The Main Event (Event #9)

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 740

Prize Pool: \$1,110,000

September 27-30, 2013



Brad Albrinck Binks First-Ever Ohio Circuit Main Event

Cincinnati native wins \$220,000, a Circuit ring and a National Championship seat.

Cincinnati, OH (October 1, 2013) — After a large turnout at the first ever WSOP Circuit event in Ohio, it was none other than a local engineer who took home the WSOP Circuit Main Event at the Horseshoe Casino in downtown Cincinnati. Brad Albrinck, a 28-year old Cincinnati native, took home his first Circuit title and \$221,994 on Monday night.

Albrinck was born and raised in Cincinnati before heading off to Purdue University for his undergraduate degree. He came back to his hometown and attended the University of Cincinnati to get his masters degree. He has worked as a solid waste engineer for the last three years.

“It’s several years of my salary,” said Albrinck with a laugh about his first place money. “You know that when you go play these things you are going to have the downswings so it’s nice to have the upswing.”

With the event being so close to his home, he was able to close out his heads-up match with some of his family and friends in attendance. He was heads-up with another Ohio native, David Kash before he dispensed of him to take the title. Heads-up play only lasted a few hands before Kash and Albrinck got all the chips in the middle preflop. Albrinck was holding ace king against Kash’s ace ten. When Albrinck faded a three-outer, the hardware was all his.

Even though Albrinck is only a part-time player, don’t underestimate his poker ability. Before his ring in Cincinnati, Albrinck has racked up \$138,575 in career WSOP earnings and he final tabled the 2012 WSOP Circuit Main Event in Hammond, IN, finishing sixth for \$80,179.

His deep run in Hammond prepared him for the grind a final table can be.

“Going back to my experience in Hammond, it’s definitely a grind,” said Albrinck. “You have to have that mindset going in and play kind of small pots until you pick up something and can go after the big one.”

Albrinck navigated his way through a pretty tough final table, highlighted by 2011 WSOP bracelet winner Aaron Steury. Kevin McColgan and Josh Williams also made appearances at the final table. McColgan already has two rings to his name, while Williams took home a ring at the

Main Event in Hammond, where Albrinck finished sixth.

“It feels amazing,” said Albrinck about his win. “So many times you can get deep in these things and to actually win something and get this kind of prize is an unbelievable feeling.”

Along with the prize money and the hardware, Albrinck earned himself a seat in the WSOP Circuit National Championship, which takes place in Atlantic City in May.

“I’m extremely excited about it,” said Albrinck about the seat. “It’s hard to play as much as the other guys and qualify with the points so to just win the Main Event and be able to get out and play with those guys is going to be a lot of fun. I’m looking forward to it.”

The event began on Friday and it was a general consensus among players that the staff at the Horseshoe did a great job handling the event.

“I’ve been to a few different stops and I honestly feel that this is one of the best run venues I’ve seen,” Albrinck said about the event. “Having it 20 minutes away from my house is pretty nice also.”

The Main Event was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Cincinnati. The \$1,675 No-Limit Hold’em tournament attracted 740 entries generating a \$1,110,000 prize pool. The top 81 players were paid.

The tournament featured two starting flights beginning Friday and Saturday at 12 p.m. and playing 12 levels a piece. The starting fields combined for Day 2 Sunday at 1 p.m. with 247 players remaining.

Day 3 began Monday at 1 p.m. with 15 players.

The final table began at 2:45 p.m. and concluded at about 10:30 p.m. making the duration of the finale just under eight hours.

(NOTE: final table blinds and began at 4,000/12,000/24,000)

Seat 1: Rory Monahan – 278,000
Seat 2: Brad Albrinck – 2,126,000
Seat 3: Kevin McColgan – 2,300,000
Seat 4: Viet Vo – 500,000
Seat 5: Josh Williams – 2,880,000
Seat 6: Greg Kolo – 2,500,000
Seat 7: Ray Attiyah – 1,263,000
Seat 8: David Kash – 1,500,000
Seat 9: Aaron Steury – 1,250,000

About the final table:

1st: Brad Albrinck - \$221,994
Hometown: Cincinnati, OH
Occupation: Engineer
WSOP Earnings: \$27,935

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$110,640

2nd: David Kash - \$136,863

Hometown: Mansfield, OH

Occupation: Window assembler

WSOP earnings: \$0

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

3rd: Gregory Kolo - \$100,899

Hometown: Rocky Ridge, OH

Occupation: Day trader

WSOP earnings: \$0

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$9,055

4th: Viet Vo - \$75,203

Hometown: Pearland, TX

Occupation: Radiology tech

WSOP earnings: \$72,104

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$14,265

5th: Josh Williams - \$56,799

Hometown: South Bend, IN

Occupation: Professional poker player

WSOP earnings: \$0

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$385,909

6th: Aaron Steury - \$43,457

Hometown: Fort Wayne, IN

Occupation: Professional poker player

WSOP earnings: \$387,901

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$269,156

7th: Ray Attiyah - \$33,666

Hometown: Cincinnati, OH

Occupation: Entrepreneur

WSOP earnings: \$644

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

8th: Rory Monahan - \$26,407

Hometown: Carbondale, IL

Occupation: Professional poker player

WSOP earnings: \$176,112

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$10,668

9th: Kevin McColgan - \$20,968

Hometown: Douglassville, PA

Occupation: Professional poker player

WSOP earnings: \$100,702

WSOP Circuit earnings: \$70,199

Notes on the Event

- The 2013/2014 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Cincinnati marks the first major tournament series to take place in Ohio.
- Because this marks the first series in Ohio, Event 2's 1,106-entry field sets the attendance bar for all other future events to measure themselves by.

Samuel Panzica took Casino Champion honors following two first-place finishes and a 30th-place finish in the Main Event. Panzica earned a plethora of points, laying claim to 110, but took the honor by just 7.5 points over Pavlin Karakikov. Panzica is now a two-time WSOP National Championship qualifier who placed 16th in last year's event for \$17,374.

All players who cashed in ring events received points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 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 Horseshoe Cincinnati:

EVENT #1: Cauffman Talley defeated 308 players (\$365 NLH) for \$21,716
EVENT #2: Jason Hill defeated 1,106 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$60,554
EVENT #3: Samuel Panzica defeated 148 players (\$365 Limit O8) for \$12,434
EVENT #4: Chris Parsons defeated 196 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,289
EVENT #5: Darren Rabinowitz defeated 138 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$19,664
EVENT #6: Chris Karambinis defeated 106 players (\$365 PLO Triple Chance) for \$15,902
EVENT #7: Robert Edelstein defeated 163 players (\$580 NLH) for \$22,008
EVENT #8: Samuel Panzica defeated 94 players (\$365 PLO with \$100 Re-Buys) for \$21,538
THE MAIN EVENT: Brad Albrinck defeated 740 players (\$1,675 NLH) for \$221,994
EVENT #10: Pavlin Karakikov defeated 203 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,835
EVENT #11: John Robertson defeated 138 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,589
EVENT #12: Andrew Spears defeated 120 players (\$365 NLH One-Day) for \$10,801

With the Main Event wrapped, the 2013/2014 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Cincinnati is over. Action starts up again at Horseshoe Southern Indiana Thursday, October 3 and runs through October 14.

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About Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati:

Rock Gaming LLC and Caesars Entertainment Corporation have developed a \$400 million full-service casino in downtown Cincinnati. Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati, which opened in March 2013, is expected to attract nearly six million visits to downtown annually. The urban casino includes three outward facing restaurants to engage pedestrians and support existing businesses,

cultural, nightlife and sports attractions downtown. Horseshoe Cincinnati employs 1,700 team members and features 2,000 slot machines, 87 table games, and a World Series of Poker room, along with a feature bar, a quick-casual eatery and a buffet restaurant. The casino also has partnerships with 10 local restaurants and 10 local hotels. During construction the development created more than 2,000 construction jobs. For more information please visit www.HorseshoeCincinnati.com.