

## **2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 10**

**Horseshoe Casino**

**Cincinnati, OH**

**Event #10**

**No-Limit Hold'em**

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

**Total Entries: 203**

**Prize Pool: \$60,900**

**September 28-29, 2013**



## **Pavlin Karakikov Puts Bulgaria on the Board in Cincinnati**

**Five-time WSOP Circuit final tablist finds some luck in his sixth appearance, earns gold.**

**Cincinnati, OH (September 30, 2013)** — It took six tries, but Bulgarian Pavlin Karakikov won his first WSOP Circuit gold ring Sunday night in Cincinnati. Previously Karakikov finished eighth, fifth twice, fourth and runner-up, but didn't break through until he came to the Queen City. His most recent success came in a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament and awarded Karakikov \$11,589, a WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the WSOP National Championship – a tournament he placed 10th in last year.

"I was close before and I was kind of disappointed I didn't win. Now I would have been even more disappointed if I hadn't won because I had the chip lead," Karakikov said.

Saying he had the chip lead is a bit of an understatement. Karakikov held an almost 10-to-1 advantage over Jason Gwinn during heads-up play. He doubled up his adversary and had him on the ropes a handful of times only to see the board run out to a split pot. In the end, Karakikov's lead was insurmountable and Gwinn finished second for \$11,589.

Karakikov says poker is very big in Bulgaria and the talent to come out of the country has left its mark on the WSOP, earning a gold bracelet each of the last two summers. 2012 WSOP gold bracelet winner and two-time Circuit gold ring winner Nick Jivkov is one of the biggest poker success stories to come out of the country and Karakikov says the two are friends on the Circuit.

"He's a friendly guy so we talk a lot," Karakikov said of Jivkov. "Usually when we talk about poker we'll speak English because it's easier. Like 'three-bet' and stuff, you know?"

Karakikov hopes to join Jivkov as a gold bracelet winner some day and says he'll take a step toward that by attending the WSOP this summer.

When he isn't playing poker Karakikov works in real estate and says he flips residential properties. He says the majority of his bankroll is invested in real estate so he primarily plays smaller buy-in tournaments. Karakikov came to the United States six years ago in a student program and he decided to make a life for himself in the country.

Following his Event 11, Karakikov's WSOP resume now boasts 14 WSOP-related cashes and more than \$100,000 in career earnings.

Event 10 was the tenth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Cincinnati. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 203 players generating a \$60,900 prize pool. The top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Saturday at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 started Sunday at 1 p.m. with 34 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began shortly after 8 p.m. and concluded at 11:30 p.m.

### **Notes on the Event**

- The 2013/2014 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Cincinnati marks the first major tournament series to take place in Ohio.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Cincinnati's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

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 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](http://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 (EVENT 9): TBD  
EVENT #10: Pavlin Karakikov defeated 203 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,835

With the 10th tournament wrapped, two more ring events remain at Horseshoe Cincinnati.

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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](http://www.HorseshoeCincinnati.com).