2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit River Rock Resort and Casino Event #5 No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+65) Total Entries: 419

Total Prize Pool: \$125,700

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Lorne Willment Breaks Through in Event 5

Newest ring winner defeats WSOP bracelet holder Calen McNeil heads up for the title

Vancouver, BC (November 1, 2013) - "I didn't even realize there was a ring!"

Those words, spoken by a grinning Lorne Willment, were met with laughter by tournament staff and media late Friday night after he battled to become the newest ring winner on the World Series of Poker Circuit. Willment, who bested a field of 419 players, came back from a severe chip deficit at the final table to grab hold of \$27,650 in first-place prize money. Despite winning the event, Willment did not know until the last minute that he would be receiving a gold Circuit ring to go along with his cash.

"I really didn't know!" exclaimed Willment. "At one time I thought there was a ring and then I didn't think there was a ring, so I didn't even know. So when they brought the ring out [during heads-up] I said, 'Alright!"

As the final day of play progressed, the story circulating around the tournament area was that of 2013 WSOP bracelet winner Calen McNeil. McNeil entered the final table third in chips and by the time six-handed play came around the Canadian professional had almost 30% of the chips in play. By the time the final three remained, McNeil held over 60% of the total chips and was looking to steamroll over his competition on the way to earning his latest piece of WSOP related jewelry.

That would ultimately not be the case, however, as the very short-stacked Willment was able to double up several times over the course of three-handed play. Willment eventually seized the chip lead, which was a title that managed to hold onto going into heads-up play, despite the fact that McNeil scored the elimination of Brandon Rollinson (\$12,487) in third place.

Willment and McNeil played heads-up for a little over 30 minutes before the match finally came to a head. On the final hand, Willment found himself on the winning side of a preflop race situation to clinch the title. While winning the event

was a meaningful experience for Willment, he also made sure to note how thrilled he was to play McNeil heads up.

"I was so glad we got to do that," said Willment. "I wanted to play against him. Unfortunately for Calen, I got all of the cards. I'm glad I won, but it may not be the same way next time. Maybe in the Main Event we'll get to play again.

Final table results were as follows:

1st – Lorne Willment - \$27,650

2nd – Calen McNeil - \$17.089

3rd – Brandon Rollinson - \$12,487

4th - Dinh Hoang - \$9,272

5th - Scott Campbell - \$6,991

6th - Scott Davies - \$5,351

7th - Blake Graves - \$4,156

8th – Jonathan DaCruz - \$3,273

9th - Anthony Mar - \$2,615

Notes on the Event

- Calen McNeil, who won his first bracelet in Event 20 Omaha Hi-Lo 8-or-Better at the 2013 WSOP, was denied his first gold Circuit ring.
- Champion Lorne Willment scored his largest lifetime cash by winning the \$27,650 first-place prize.

For his win, Lorne Willment earns 50 points toward the River Rock Casino Champion standings. This puts Willment in a three-way tie for second place heading into the Main Event. The player who accumulates the most overall points during River Rock's 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from River Rock Resort and Casino:

EVENT #1: Vincent Wong defeated 511 players (\$365 NLH) for \$32,956

EVENT #2: Chris Back defeated 343 players (\$580 NLH) for \$39,439

EVENT #3: Eric Kim defeated 328 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$23,123

EVENT #4: Jordan Hamilton defeated 275 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$65,995

EVENT #5: Lorne Willment defeated 419 players (\$365 NLH) for \$27,650

Five events are in the books and five more live gold ring events remain as the WSOP Circuit at River Rock Casino and Resort continues through November 7th. Two additional rings will be available through online tournaments hosted by PlayNow.com.

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