

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Lumière Place Casino

St. Louis, MO

Event #2

No Limit Hold'em (Re-Entry)

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 813

Prize Pool: \$243,900

March 21-23, 2013



First Ring for Andrew Thompson at Lumière Place Casino

St. Louis, MO (March 24, 2014) -- Andrew Thompson was a student at the University of Missouri. Then about four months ago, he decided to try playing poker for a living. He only fired one bullet in this \$365 No Limit Hold'em (Re-Entry) event and walked away with \$47,570 and his first gold ring. His heads-up match against John Gross III began with Thompson holding a 14:1 chip lead — and only lasted one hand. Thompson came from behind, turning a flush to cement the win. Gross took \$29,390 for second place.

Andrew Thompson's journey to the win on Day 2 is an incredible comeback story. He began Day 2 at the bottom of the heap, 103rd out of 105 returning players. He only had 14,100 chips (< 6 big blinds) at the start of the day. When asked how he got back in the game, he said "I doubled up a lot...won a lot of coin flips". By the time they got to the final table eight and a half hours later, he had moved up to the middle of the pack — 5th of 9 in chips. Thompson says he was "patient" and "waited for cards".

Joshua Adcock was the chip leader with over 2.2 million chips when the final table formed. Thompson doubled through him with AQ over AJ and then later busted Adcock in 4th place with set over set. The final table lasted about four hours and then it was over and Thompson had his first win. Now he plans to stick around and play some more tournaments during this WSOP Circuit series. "I think I can afford it now," he said.

This event had two starting flights over two days and allowed unlimited re-entries. The final tally was a total of 813 entries for a total prize pool of \$243,900. The final 90 got paid. Day 2 began with 105 returning players and it took a couple of hours of play to reach the money bubble.

Chad Wiedenhoft booked his second cash of this series. He finished 10th in Event 1, then 14th in this event. Matt Bond, who won event 1 two days ago, came into Day 2 as the chip leader. He busted out in 28th place and has earned 55 points, putting him second on the Casino Champion Leaderboard. There were no WSOP Circuit ring owners at this final table.

Full results are available on WSOP.com.

Final Table Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Andrew Thompson	FENTON, MO, US	\$47,570
2	John Gross III	BRIDGETON, MO, US	\$29,390
3	Pat Fleming	BEMENT, IL, US	\$21,649
4	Joshua Adcock	Hopkinsville, KY, US	\$16,156
5	Patrick Hopman	ELKHART, IN, US	\$12,215
6	Carol Hackbarth	THEODORE, AL, US	\$9,354
7	Christopher Kaltenbach	NEWTONVILLE, MA, US	\$7,254
8	Michael Belken	IMPERIAL, MO, US	\$5,695
9	Matthew Newcombe	ADA, OK, US	\$4,527

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Lumière Place Casino's twelve gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place in Atlantic City in Spring of 2014.

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 Lumière Place Casino:

EVENT #1: Matt Bond defeated 127 players (\$580 NLH) earning \$17,779

EVENT #2: Andrew Thompson defeated 813 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) earning \$47,570

EVENT #3: Kevin McColgan defeated 52 players (\$1,125 NLH) earning \$19,500

This is the second of twelve gold ring events, but the third to reach a conclusion.

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