

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #3

Pot Limit Omaha

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 116

Prize Pool: \$34,800

May 9-10, 2013



David Nicholson Wins Fourth WSOP Circuit Ring

New Orleans, LA (May 10, 2014) -- David Nicholson became the newest member of the four-ring club when he won the \$365 Pot Limit Omaha event. "It feels great! I haven't won a tournament in a while so you kinda forget the taste of victory. It's definitely sweet!" It was January of 2013 when he won ring #3, so it's been almost 16 months between rings. Today's victory earned him \$10,441 in first-place prize money.

Sandeep Vasudevan was the only other ring holder at this final table. When he busted out in 3rd place, the heads-up match between Austin Bursavich and Nicholson began with Bursavich holding a small chip lead, about 6:5. The match did not last long. Nicholson doubled up when he flopped a pair and nut-flush draw against Bursavich's bigger pocket pair and lesser flush draw. Nicholson picked up a second pair on the turn to double up and take the chip lead. It was over a few hands later. Bursavich collected \$6,453 for second place.

Austin Bursavich was the chip leader when they reached the final table late on Day 1. By the time they bagged up for the night at the end of level 16, he had built a huge lead over the final six players with more than half the chips in play. On overcoming that chip deficit, Nicholson said "I still had 32 big blinds...didn't really have a game plan coming in. With PLO you don't have antes, so you can pick your spots. I had position on him and it ended up working out."

With four rings, David Nicholson now joins an elite brotherhood of players with four rings: Men 'the Master' Nguyen, Maurice Hawkins, Michael Souza, Peter Ippolito, Phillip Hui, Kaufman Talley, and Valentin Vornicu. "I'm friends with a lot of those guys," Nicholson said, "so it feels good to have this notch on my belt." Only six players on the planet have more than four rings. Alexandru Masek holds the record with eight.

The Pot Limit Omaha event began at 5pm Friday and drew 116 players. The total prize pool of \$34,800 was divided up among the final 12 players. No women made the money in this event.

Bubbling the unofficial final table, finishing 11th, was Walter Chambers. Chambers has one WSOP Circuit ring that he won here in New Orleans in 2005 when he won the \$10,000 Buy-In Main Event, good for \$787,340.

The post-game interview with David Nicholson was delayed until late in the night because this event wrapped up just as registration was about to close for Flight B of Event 4, the \$365 No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry event. Nicholson registered and jumped into that event, playing through level 15 and making it to Day 2. He's short-stacked, but he'll be playing for a possible 5th ring on Sunday.

Final Table Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	David Nicholson	PERKINSTON, MS, US	\$10,441
2	Austin Bursavich	Baton Rouge, LA, US	\$6,453
3	Sandeep Vasudevan	SAN ANTONIO, TX, US	\$4,594
4	John Dobson	Bayonet Point, FL, US	\$3,337
5	Michael Ryan	Ivanhoe, NH, US	\$2,472
6	Michael Fitzgerald	The Woodlands, TX, US	\$1,866
7	Paul Espinoza	Kingsville, TX, US	\$1,436
8	Earnest Caviness	GALVESTON, TX, US	\$1,124
9	Gary Clark	JACKSON, MS, US	\$896

Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's New Orleans twelve gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Bally's Atlantic City May 22-24, 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. This is the final stop of the season and all the at-large qualifiers will be determined by the conclusion of this series.

More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's New Orleans:

EVENT #1: Louis George defeated 281 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$20,233

EVENT #2: Larry Hirons defeated 332 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$22,909

EVENT #3: David Nicholson defeated 116 players (\$365 PLO) earning \$10,441

With three ring events completed, nine more remain in this series.

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