

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Harrah's Resort Southern California
Event #1
No-Limit Holdem
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 183
Total Prize Pool: \$54,900
December 4-5, 2014**

Vincent Moscati Wins First Event at WSOP Circuit at Harrah's SoCal

Moscatti wins his second ring in less than a month and over \$14,000.

San Diego (December 5, 2014) – Vincent Moscati is having the best month of his tournament poker career. Less than three weeks ago, Moscati won his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring. Today, he added a second by winning the first event at the Circuit stop at Harrah's Southern California.

The 30-year old Moscati, who hails from New York but now lives in nearby San Diego, won Event #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em here at Harrah's SoCal. He earns \$14,275 for his victory.

It wasn't an easy road to the winner's circle for Moscati. On Thursday, the event started with 183 players. After midnight, when there were 12 players left, there were actually more career rings than players in the field. Most of those rings belonged to Alex Masek, who has eight. He holds the record for most in a career. Mike Souza was still in the field as well, and he has four rings on his resume. And of course, Moscati already had a ring of his own. Souza was eliminated in 11th place, though, and Masek nursed a short-stack almost to the end of Day 1, eventually bowing out in 4th place.

Soon after Masek's elimination, Day 1 concluded with three players remaining: Scott Tiedeman, Adam Sadick, and Moscati. Sadick had a big chip lead, and the other two players were close to even. Sadick held an even bigger chip lead when Tiedeman was eliminated, leaving Sadick and Moscati to play heads up. Moscati credits a little luck with helping him overcome the chip deficit, and in fact, said he ran well throughout the tournament. "I got a lot of big pairs," he said after securing the ring. "And they usually held up. I didn't really get coolered ever."

Moscatti's first ring came in the [Pot-Limit Omaha event at Planet Hollywood](#) in Las Vegas. Even though his two rings came in two different games, Moscati doesn't consider himself an expert in a wide variety of poker games. "[PLO and no-limit hold'em] are the only two games I play," he said. "I just started playing PLO a couple years ago at a home game back in New York. And I really like it. I've been playing hold'em for 10 years, and it gets a little boring after a while. PLO is a little more fun, it has a little more action. I play more PLO now than hold'em, but those are my two main games." Of course, if his recent results are any indication, it will be bad news for his opponents if he ever decides to expand his poker repertoire.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Thursday, December 4. Of the 183 entrants, only 3 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Friday, December 5. The final playing session began at 12 p.m. local time. Play finished at 1:45 p.m., making the total duration of the final day a little less than 2 hours.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

At the conclusion of Event #1, Vincent Moscati jumps into the lead in the Harrah's Southern California Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Harrah's Southern California earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Harrah's Southern California Main Event earns an automatic entry to the National Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 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 Harrah's Southern California so far:

EVENT #1: Vincent Moscati defeated 183 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$14,275.

With the first tournament now wrapped up, there are still 11 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Harrah's Southern California concludes on December 15.

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