

## **2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Harrah's Resort Southern California**

**Event #5**

**No-Limit Holdem**

**Buy-In: \$365**

**Total Entrants: 113**

**Total Prize Pool: \$33,900**

**December 8, 2014**

## **Tavish Margers Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring at Harrah's Southern California**

### **Margers Wears a Mohawk and Promotes a Charity to Support his Son**

**San Diego (December 9, 2014)** – When cards went in the air on the final day of the most recent ring event at the World Series of Poker at Harrah's Southern California, one player stood out from the crowd. Tavish Margers not only had the biggest chip stack at the table. He also had the biggest hair. He wore a distinctive mohawk, with blue and yellow dyed hair standing up straight at least three inches from his head. Two hours later, he stood out even more, as he was the only player who still had chips. He won the first WSOP Circuit ring of his career and \$10,172 in Event #5: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em, and the hair, he later explained, was for a good cause.

Margers always plays wearing a [Team Challenge](#) sweatshirt. Team Challenge is, the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's endurance training and fundraising program. Margers's 12-year old son has Crohn's disease, and he wears the shirt and supports the program to help his son and others with the disease. "I wear this every day," he explained after his victory. "I've been with Team Challenge for four years now. What we do is we raise money for the Crohn's and Colitis foundation to help fund research and spread awareness. We do endurance training, we do half-marathons, we do triathlons and stuff like that. My son did his first half-marathon with me back in November in Las Vegas. We both decided to do crazy mohawks for the race, running up and down the strip, so we could fit in with all the crazies in Vegas."

This final table was almost a reunion of ring winners from the recent Circuit stop at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas. When the bubble burst, 3 of the remaining twelve players had won rings at Planet Hollywood: David Smith, Vincent Moscati, and Raney Stanczak. However, the three of them were eliminated 12th (Smith), 11th (Moscati), and 10th, (Stanczak), and they each just barely missed out on the official nine-handed final table. [Moscati also won another ring](#) a few days ago here at Harrah's Southern California. He followed that up with a fourth-place finish in the re-entry event, and this was his third cash at the stop. He's in the driver seat for [Casino Champion](#), and is now in fourth place on the WSOP Circuit [national leaderboard](#).

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Monday, December 8. Of the 113 entrants, only 7 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Tuesday, December 9. The final playing session began at 12 p.m. local time. Play finished at about 2:00 p.m., making the total duration of the final day 2 hours.

Full results from the event are available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

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After Event #5, Vincent Moscati retains the lead in the Harrah's Southern California Casino Champion race. Moscati has 82.5 from three cashes, including a victory and a fourth-place finish. Adam Sadick is in second place with 65 points from two final table performances. 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](http://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.  
EVENT #2: Raad Farida defeated 135 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em – 1 Day) for \$11,341.  
EVENT #3: Scott Stewart defeated 526 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$33,926.  
EVENT #4: Jason Wortham defeated 106 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$9,542.  
EVENT #5: Tavish Margers defeat 113 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$10,172.

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

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