2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 13 Horseshoe Tunica Tunica, Mississippi Event #10 No-Limit Hold'em One Re-Entry Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80) Total Entries: 276 Prize Pool: \$138,000 January 27, 2017



## Victory In The \$580 Brings David Collins First Ring

David Collins ran away with Event #10 at Horseshoe Tunica to earn his first Circuit gold ring.

**Tunica, Mississippi (January 27, 2017)** – David Collins captured his first gold ring on Friday at the World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Horseshoe Tunica. The 29-year-old from Tuscumbia, Alabama defeated a field of 276 players in Event #10: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em One Re-Entry to come away with the ultimate Circuit prize and \$33,118.

Collins began playing poker at a young age and was hooked. When asked how he got into the game, Collins reminisced.

"My uncle when I was a kid; he loved to play and we played at Christmas. I guess by the time I was 13, or 14, we were playing for \$20 and then I just fell in love with it, started playing all the time," said Collins

These days, Collins plays poker on a part-time basis. Living in Alabama provides a good location for the young competitor to commute to certain, nearby Circuit stops when available, mainly the site of his current triumph.

"When it comes to tunica I usually try to play a few events here," said Collins. "We try to make it to Oklahoma sometimes."

Collins and friends make the journey to WSOP Circuit stops, but not enough in Collin's opinion. When asked if he would like follow the tour more often, Collin's replied "Yeah, I'd love to. If I hit big enough to, you know, travel the series."

Winning over thirty grand is a tremendous start to accumulating a feasible WSOP bankroll. Collin's was questioned about what he planned to do with the money.

"I got a daughter, just taking care of her with it," Collins

If there is some money left over after nobly using it to support his daughter, Collin's hopes to make it to Las Vegas this summer for the 48<sup>th</sup> annual World Series of Poker.

Event #10 was the tenth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Horseshoe Tunica series. The \$580 No-Limit Hold'em One Re-Entry tournament attracted 276 players generating a \$138,000 prizepool. The top 30 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large Global Casino 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 the Horseshoe Tunica series:

EVENT #1: Jeoffrey Noblecourt defeated 218 players (\$365 NLHE One Re-Entry) for \$16,350 EVENT #2: Juan Rodriguez defeated 119 players (\$365 PLO Re-Entry) for \$10,709 EVENT #3: Alex Burney defeated 1.253 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$66,723 EVENT #4: David Knuckles defeated 240 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo Re-Entry) for \$17,997 EVENT #5: Jeter Brock defeated 181 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$14,118 EVENT #6: Brian Peery defeated 249 players (\$365 NLHE Six Max One Re-Entry) for \$19,793 EVENT #7: John Holley defeated 193 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$15,056 EVENT #8: Russell Sullivan defeated 278 players (\$365 NLHE 30 Minute Levels) for \$20,018 EVENT #9: Steve Dill defeated 592 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$37,290 EVENT #10: David Collins defeated 276 players (\$580 NLHE One Re-Entry) for \$33,118

This was the tenth gold ring handed out at the Horseshoe Tunica series. Two more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Horseshoe Tunica series are furnished by <u>Jostens</u>, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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