

2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Nine Caesars Palace Event #2

No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 872
Total Prize Pool: \$261.600

February 8- February 11, 2013

"First the Bracelet, then the Rings!"

Veteran Bracelet Champion Dan Heimiller Wins Second WSOPC Ring in Event #2 at Caesars Palace

LAS VEGAS, NV – "First the Ring, Then the Bracelet" Since its inception in 2005, this mantra of the World Series of Poker Circuit Events has held true for many up-and-coming grinders who have worked their way up from smaller-stake obscurity to poker superstardom.

Dan Heimiller however, has coined his own saying. "First the Bracelet, then the Rings."

Heimiller, a 20-year WSOP veteran whose resume includes a Bracelet, 16 Final Tables and over \$1.3 million in WSOP earnings decided to try his hand in the WSOP Circuit Events and has already made his mark in his first season.

Having won the Main Event championship at Horseshoe Southern Indiana earlier this season, Heimiller came away with his second gold ring in Event #2, the \$365 re-entry event at Caesars Palace. For the win, he collected \$50,001.

This year's re-entry event at Caesars Palace attracted a field of 872 players who amassed a prize pool totaling \$261,600. The top 90 finishers would take home their share of the purse.

Due to the large field, an additional day of play was added to the schedule as play got down to the final table shortly before 4 am on day 2.

Heimiller enjoyed a healthy lead over the rest of his final table opponents, which he retained for much of the night. He ran into difficulty heads up against Daniel Sindelar and found himself on the ropes after an all-in that saw his top pair-jacks trumped by Sindelar's pocket kings, but Heimiller was able to double up before raking in a critical pot after spiking an ace holding A-K vs. Sindelar's pocket sevens.

A few hands later, both players were all-in again and once again Heimiller turned over A-K, this time suited, and was able make the nut flush to secure the win.

Heimiller admits that he had overlooked the value of playing in the WSOP Circuit Events in past years which now recognizes.

"The Circuits are an excellent value," Heimiller said. "These lower buy-ins are exactly the right price and these events will continue to grow."

Having already secured a seat in the WSOP National Championship with his Main Event win in Indiana, The 50 points Heimiller earned in Event #2 at Caesars equate to a smaller qualifying threshold for the National Championship.

National Championship hopefuls like Jessie Bryant don't mind scenarios like this one bit.

"Hell if I can't win 'em then I hope he wins them all!" Bryant said half-jokingly while Heimiller posed for his winner shots.

The Casino Champion is the player who earns the most points through the 12 events at Caesars Palace. This player will earn an automatic seat to the WSOP Circuit National Championship to be held May 21 – May 23 at Harrah's New Orleans. More information about the WSOPC National Championship can be found here. An explanation of the points system can be found here.

10 events are still to come. See the complete Caesars Palace Circuit schedule and event results here. The WSOP Circuit Events at Caesars Palace runs through February 18th. You can find the complete 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule here.

Final table results:

PLACE	<u>PLAYER</u>	CITY / STATE / COUNTRY	CASH EARNED
1	Dan Heimiller	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$51,005
2	Daniel Sindelar	OMAHA, NE, US	\$31,523
3	Ping Liu	Grand Blanc, MI, US	\$23,220
4	Christopher Johnson	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$17,328
5	Gregory Alexander	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$13,101
6	Maksim Kornishev	US	\$10,032
7	Alex Bylicki	Vancouver, BC, CA	\$7,780
8	Ari Engel	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$6,108
9	Nick Coukos	RICHMOND HILL, ON, CA	\$4,855

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