2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Foxwoods Resort Casino Event #5 No-Limit Hold 'em Re-entry Buy-In: \$520 (+60) Total Entries: 449 Total Prize Pool: \$226,476 April 11-12, 2013

## #MasonNeededIt James Campbell makes his best year ever even better with a Circuit victory.

**Mashantucket, CT (April 12, 2013)** – When Black Friday hit, James Campbell's life changed dramatically. Campbell was an online legend, playing and crushing the biggest and best tournaments on the internet. After Black Friday, Campbell was one of the few who made the decision not to move out of the county, but instead, translate his skills to live poker. This meant a lot of time at Foxwoods for the local grinder. The transition was difficult, but Campbell found success, cashing in numerous events and netting a consistent income.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, James Campbell had his life change in an even more important way. His wife Kellie gave birth to their first child, Mason. The proud father did cut down on his poker, but still found time to balance his newfound parenthood along with playing some event.

2013 had not been a good poker year for Campbell. In fact, coming into the Foxwoods Circuit series, his biggest score of the year had been just \$3,000. On his Twitter, Campbell even began using the hashtag #MasonNeedsIt when giving tournament updates.

"It has been the best year of my life with the birth of Mason. It's just odd that, at the same time, I was having the worst poker year of my career." Campbell said.

His limited schedule was only going to allow his to play a few events during the WSOP Circuit, one of which was the \$580 No-Limit Hold 'em re-entry event. The tournament generated 449 entries, with 66 players advancing to Day 2. Campbell came into that second day 42<sup>nd</sup> in chips with 61,500.

Campbell blinded down early and then found two quick double ups to get back to an average stack. From there, the online legend took control of his table and slowly built his stack up to 863,000 by the time only ten players remained.

Destiny seemed to take over at that point. As players at Foxwoods heard Campbell was at the final table, his rail slowly grew. Tweets wishing him good luck kept pouring in and Campbell seemed to be making all the right moves. His three-bets were getting folds, his position play was relentlessly aggressive and, most importantly, he seemed to be winning every race he got involved in.

This combination led to James Campbell not only earning his first ever Circuit cash, but his first gold ring and the \$49,825 that came along with it. Shortly after his victory, Campbell sent out a tweet with the hashtag #MasonNeededIt.

Even more fitting, the first photo that Campbell posted of his new Circuit Ring was not his winner photo. It was a picture of Mason holding Daddy's new hardware.

#MasonNeededIt

## Notes on the Event

-This was the first WSOP Circuit cash for champion James Campbell.

-The final table took four hours to complete. It took over an hour to go from 10 to nine players.

-Play on the bubble took over an hour to complete.

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The player who accumulates the most overall points in Foxwoods' twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion" and receives an automatic entry into the 2014 WSOP Circuit National Championship, as will the winner of the Foxwoods Main Event. 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 Foxwoods, so far:

EVENT #1: John Ting defeated 641 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$39,514 EVENT #2: Fabio D'Agata defeated 116 players (\$1,125 NLHE) for \$34,938 EVENT #3: Eric Judge defeated 137 players (\$365 O8B) for \$11,535 EVENT #4: Ketan Patel defeated 578 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$36,500 EVENT #5: James Campbell defeated 449 players (\$580 NLHE Re-entry) for \$49,825

With the fifth tournament now wrapped up, there are still seven more gold ring events remaining before the WSOP Circuit at Foxwoods Resort Casino continues through August 20th.

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