

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Casino

Cincinnati, OH

Event #1

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 308

Prize Pool: \$92,400

September 19-20, 2013



Caufman Talley Takes Another in Cincinnati

The state of Ohio kicks things off with a star-studded finale and a four-time winner earning gold.

Cincinnati, OH (September 20, 2013) — Caufman Talley lived up to his newly-bestowed nickname at Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati Friday night outlasting 307 others to don the first WSOP Circuit gold ring ever awarded on Ohio soil. The one they call "The Cincinnati Kid" now lays claim to four WSOP Circuit wins placing him in a tie for fourth all-time.

In addition to joining an elite group of four-time ring winners, the victory awarded Tally \$21,716 and gave him the early lead in the Casino Championship.

"It feels good [to win my fourth ring], especially because it's in Cincinnati and I'm the Cincinnati Kid," Talley said. "Cincinnati is a great place. This is a real awesome casino and the tournament was ran well. The staff is awesome."

More so than at other more established WSOP Circuit stops, such kind words from a winner are taken to heart in Cincinnati. The 12-day series marks the state's first time to host a WSOP Circuit event and serves as a grand opening of sorts for the poker room and the tournament poker scene in the Ohio area.

"We're very excited to host the WSOP Circuit players for Ohio's first-ever WSOP event," Horseshoe Cincinnati poker room Manager Jason Newman said. "This property is amazing and we look forward to showcasing it. Early feedback from the players is overwhelmingly positive and that's who we do it for."

Horseshoe Casino could not have hand-picked a better finale to kick off its Circuit series. The final nine players included two multiple gold ring winners in Talley and the 2011/2012 Harrah's New Orleans Main Event champion Justin Truesdell (3rd), gold ring winner Robert Hankins (7th), WSOP final tablist in Darren Rabinowitz (6th) and 16-time WSOP Circuit casher Bill Varga (2nd). The finale set the bar high for events going forward and has players and staff excited for what's to come.

Horseshoe Casino opened in March of this year and is recognized as the nation's first truly urban casino. Located in the heart of downtown Cincinnati, the property was designed with its

surroundings in mind and is meant to blend in perfectly with the downtown scene.

World Series of Poker Circuit events began yesterday and run through September 30. The talk of series is the Main Event and the almost 200 seats expected to be awarded through on-site promotions at Horseshoe Casino.

Event 1 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Casino. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event attracted 308 entries. The total prize pool came to \$92,400 and the top 33 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 2 p.m. with 14 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at about 3:30 p.m. and concluded at about 7:30 p.m.

Notes on the Event

- Event 1 marks the first-ever WSOP-related event to take place on Ohio soil.
- The final table included three gold ring winners – Talley (four), Truesdell (2) and Hankins (1).
- Varga (2nd) carded his highest WSOP Circuit finish in what marked his fourth WSOP Circuit final table. He is close friends with the previous all-time gold ring record holder Mark “Pegasus” Smith.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Casino's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 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 Horseshoe Casino:

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With the first tournament wrapped, 11 more ring events remain at Horseshoe Cincinnati.

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About Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati:

Rock Gaming LLC and Caesars Entertainment Corporation have developed a \$400 million full-service casino in downtown Cincinnati. Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati, which opened in March 2013, is expected to attract nearly six million visits to downtown annually. The urban casino

includes three outward facing restaurants to engage pedestrians and support existing businesses, cultural, nightlife and sports attractions downtown. Horseshoe Cincinnati employs 1,700 team members and features 2,000 slot machines, 87 table games, and a World Series of Poker room, along with a feature bar, a quick-casual eatery and a buffet restaurant. The casino also has partnerships with 10 local restaurants and 10 local hotels. During construction the development created more than 2,000 construction jobs. For more information please visit www.HorseshoeCincinnati.com.