

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Casino

Cincinnati, OH

Event #4

No-Limit Holder

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

Total Entries: 196

Prize Pool: \$58,800

September 23-25, 2013



Chris Parsons Perseveres in Event 4

Heads-up battle lasts five hours. Additional third day of play necessary to anoint a winner.

Cincinnati, OH (September 25, 2013) — Chris Parsons gave new meaning to the phrase “outlasting the competition” in Event 4 at Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary when the 21-player re-start field narrowed to a final table in just over two hours on Day 2. Still no one batted an eyelash when play was three-handed by about 8 p.m.

Then the marathon began.

Parsons, Warren Sheaves and Peter Vitantonio took part in a three-handed battle that’s estimated to have lasted about three hours. When Vitantonio exited third, though, the marathon was just beginning.

Parsons and Sheaves dueled until the early morning hours of Wednesday. After almost 13 hours of Day 2 play, tournament staff made the decision to bag the pair and return them to finish out the tournament at 2 p.m.

Cards were in the air promptly at 2 p.m. and, of course, it took Parsons just a few minutes to earn gold.

The victory marks the second gold ring for Parsons, a 27-year-old pro from the Cleveland area, and earns him \$15,289.

“It feels good,” Parsons said of his win. “Neither of us wanted to lose. [Sheaves] was a really tough player. We became pretty good friends while we played for eight hours. I almost feel bad winning because I know how bad he wanted the ring.”

Parsons is a battle-tested veteran of the WSOP Circuit. He qualified for the WSOP National Championship each of the last two years and realizes the importance of earning points toward the season-ending tournament early. Just moments after his win he was heard saying he needed another ring to lock up Casino Champion honors.

Whether he earns gold again or not, Parsons has made it painfully obvious he has the game to succeed on the Circuit and it would shock those close to him if he didn't earn a berth in the National Championship by season's end.

Joining Parsons at the final table but coming up short of gold were Ralph Massey (seventh) and Yossi Azulay (sixth). This duo accounts for almost \$150,000 in WSOP Circuit earnings and eight final table appearances. Neither has broken through for a gold ring victory.

Event 4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Cincinnati. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event attracted 196 entries. The total prize pool came to \$58,800 and the top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 5 p.m. and lasted until play reached the money. Day 2 began Tuesday at 3 p.m. with 21 players remaining. The final table began at about 5 p.m. and action was still heads-up at 3:30 a.m. Tournament staff bagged Parsons and Sheaves for at that time.

Play was over within a few minutes of the Day 3 start time making the total duration of the final table about 10 and a half hours over two days.

Notes on the Event

- The 2013/2014 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Cincinnati marks the first major tournament series to take place in Ohio.
- Parsons and Frederic Roeteker (fourth) were the only two gold ring winners at the final table.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Cincinnati'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 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 Horseshoe Cincinnati:

EVENT #1: Caufman Talley defeated 308 players (\$365 NLH) for \$21,716

EVENT #2: Jason Hill defeated 1,106 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$60,554

EVENT #3: Samuel Panzica defeated 148 players (\$365 Limit O8) for \$12,434

EVENT #4: Chris Parsons defeated 196 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,289

With the fourth tournament wrapped, eight more ring events remain at Horseshoe Cincinnati.

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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.