

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Casino

Cincinnati, OH

Event #5

No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed

Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)

Total Entries: 138

Prize Pool: \$69,000

September 24-25, 2013



Darren Rabinowitz Breaks Through in Cincinnati

Las-Vegas-based pro earns first gold ring in the Queen City, takes Casino Championship lead through five events.

Cincinnati, OH (September 25, 2013) — Darren Rabinowitz earned his first gold ring and took the Casino Championship points lead at Horseshoe Cincinnati Wednesday following a victory in the \$580 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament. The finish earned the young pro \$19,664.

“This is my first time winning a live tournament,” Rabinowitz said. “I have a history of taking second. I feel really blessed to finally get a [victory]. It’s nice to know I can actually win.”

Rabinowitz finished sixth in the opening event at Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati earning 22.5 points toward the Casino Championship. His most recent finish awarded an additional 50, bringing his total to 72.5 points and putting him comfortably in first with a 22.5-point cushion over second.

“I definitely want to play the [WSOP National Championship],” Rabinowitz said. “Winning the Casino Championship would be nice. I don’t like to travel that much, so it would be nice to just get it here.”

Despite his reluctance to travel, Rabinowitz’s trip to the Cincinnati area has rewarded him handsomely. In addition to the almost \$25,000 he’s won, he’s able to experience a new city and all it has to offer. Admittedly, he didn’t foresee a good time waiting for him in Ohio.

“[Cincinnati] is really nice,” Rabinowitz said. “I keep telling my friends, I didn’t think I’d enjoy Cincinnati, but I really like it here. It reminds me of Seattle. The casino is so nice and so is everyone in the city.

Rabinowitz went to college at Arizona State University and moved to Las Vegas upon graduation to pursue poker. Despite the lack of a breakthrough victory until today, his young career has been filled with six-figure scores and big paydays.

“I’ve been pretty fortunate and pretty blessed to have success early,” Rabinowitz said. “I know a lot of people don’t do well in tournament poker and a lot of people are a lot better than me. I’ve definitely been fortunate to have success early.”

His crowning achievement came Wednesday at Horseshoe Cincinnati at the hands of a final table that included five-time Circuit final tablist Pavlin Karakikov (fourth) and two-time WSOP Circuit gold ring winner Kevin McColgan (third). Ultimately, the pair could not overcome Rabinowitz's chip lead and fell short of gold.

Rabinowitz is 25 years old. He was born in Seattle, but now lives in Las Vegas where he works as a professional poker player. This marks his ninth time to cash in a WSOP-related event and moves him over \$220,000 in career earnings at the WSOP. His largest WSOP score came at this summer's series when he placed seventh in the 3,164-player \$1,000 re-entry event for \$63,273.

Event 5 was the fifth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Cincinnati. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed event attracted 138 entries. The total prize pool came to \$69,000 and the top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. The final table was reached with four minutes to go in the day's final level. Gary Costa exited sixth in that brief window.

Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with five players remaining. Play concluded at about 5:45 p.m. making the total duration of the final table roughly four hours.

Notes on the Event

- The 2013/2014 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Cincinnati marks the first major tournament series to take place in Ohio.
- Kevin McColgan was the only gold ring winner at the final table. He lays claim to two.
- Mark "Pegasus" Smith finished 14th. In 2011, Smith earned his fifth gold ring at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, then setting the record for most rings won. All players now trail the seven gold rings of Chris Reslock.

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: Cauffman 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

EVENT #5: Darren Rabinowitz defeated 138 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$19,664

With the fifth tournament wrapped, seven 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.