

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's Rincon

Valley Center, CA

Event #3

No Limit Hold'em(Re-Entry)

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 444

Prize Pool: \$133,200

December 6-8, 2013



Heavy Equipment Operator Bulldozes Final Table For Gold

Four Players At Final Table With Total Of Five Rings

Valley Center, CA (December 8, 2013) — All the chips went in on the turn with a board of 8 8 5 3 and Jorge Walker had pocket 8s for quads. Bernie Yang was drawing dead with pocket 7s. It was all over and Walker had himself a gold ring, denying Bernie Yang his second.

Jorge Walker takes home his first gold ring and the tidy sum of \$29,302. He's a heavy equipment operator from Las Vegas and during this slow season, he's playing lots of tournaments on the west coast. In the ten years he's been playing poker, he's accumulated more than \$400,000 in reported tournament earnings.

Yang earned \$18,109 for second place. He had a strong showing here last year when he won his first gold ring in the \$550 NLH event and finished second in the \$1,080 NLH event. He came close to getting his second ring and actually held the chip lead for a while with three players remaining, but came up short.

There were three starting flights for this event. Flight A took off at 5pm Friday. Flights B & C were on Saturday at 12pm and 5pm respectively. Players who busted out could enter any subsequent Flight, but only one entry per flight was allowed. When all the entries were tallied, there were 444, creating a prize pool of \$133,200. The final 45 players got paid. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

A total of 54 players made it through their starting flights and returned for Day 2 on Sunday at 12 noon. No women made it to Day 2, therefore no women cashed in this event. Valentin Vornicu was the chip leader coming into Day 2. Vornicu was the 2012 Casino Champion here at Harrah's Rincon and has two WSOP Circuit rings. He busted out in 8th place.

The final table of nine was reached at 5:45 pm. John Miner was the chip leader with 1.3 million and he already has one WSOP Circuit ring. He busted out in 4th place. Paul Cookson also has one Circuit ring. He was in the middle of the chip counts when the final table formed and busted out in 5th place. With four players remaining, there was a one-hour dinner break. The final hand played out about 1am. Not counting dinner, the final table lasted 6.25 hours.

Jorge Walker played Flight B and that was the only flight he played. He was third in chips of the 28 players in his flight that advanced to day two, just behind John Miner who was second in chips. When the final ten players moved to one table, Walker was still second in chips behind chip leader John Miner. Then on a pivotal

hand, Walker was all-in on the turn with trip tens against Miner, who had a naked flush draw. He whiffed the river and Walker doubled up to take a huge lead over the final table. "He was a thorn in my side" said Walker, referring to Miner, who was on his left all day. He had me "handcuffed" until he busted out (4th place). Despite the 'handcuffs', Walker took out the 8th, 7th, and 6th place finishers on his way to the win.

Final Table Results

1. Jorge Walker (Las Vegas, NV) \$29,302
2. Bernie Yang (San Diego, CA) \$18,109
3. Scott Goodman (Lake Havasu City, AZ) \$13,232
4. John Miner (Carson City, NV) \$9,825
5. Paul Cookson (Citrus Heights, CA) \$7,409
6. Jason Martin (Rancho Cucamonga, CA) \$5,670
7. Jason Thalass (Miami Beach, FL) \$4,404
8. Valentin Vornicu (San Diego, CA) \$3,469
9. Jim Pechac (Phoenix, AZ) \$2,771

In addition to the ring and prize money, Jorge Walker also earned 50 points toward the Casino Champion and National Leaderboard. He takes the lead in the Casino Champion race since his winnings are greater than that of the first two event winners. He'll be back to play in the Main Event on Saturday.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's Rincon's twelve 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 in Spring of 2014.

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 Harrah's Rincon:

EVENT #1: Drew Merrick defeated 221 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,576

EVENT #2: Mark Alag defeated 155 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,555

EVENT #3: Jorge Walker defeated 444 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$29,302

With the third ring event completed, nine more remain at Harrah's Rincon.

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