

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's Rincon

Valley Center, CA

Event #5

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 135

Prize Pool: \$40,500

December 9-10, 2013



Rock Rolls Over Final Nine

Californians Dominate Final Table

Valley Center, CA (December 10, 2013) -- Before the final table started, Nyle Rock put on his Bio Sheet that his plan was to "Systematically send everyone at this final table home." And he practically did. On his way to winning his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and \$11,341, he eliminated four of his eight final table opponents. "Everybody at this final table was great -- good people, but I came to win" he said.

Heads up play against Bobby Ostler began with Rock holding a slight lead. Less than 40 minutes later, Rock had Ostler down to fewer than four big blinds. Rock raised the button with J7 off and Ostler put his chips in dark, then rolled over Q5. Rock flopped a Jack to end the match. Bobby Ostler went home with \$7,009 for second place and his first WSOP Circuit ring event cash.

Andrew Sapiro was the chip leader when the final table began, but with eight players remaining, a crucial hand played out. Shawn Buckley got all in with pocket Kings against Sapiro's AK. Shawn doubled up and Andrew was left short. He held on for a short while before he busted out in 6th place (\$2,113).

There were 135 entrants in this event for a total prize pool of \$40,500. The final 15 got paid. No women cashed in this event, making this the third ring event in a row devoid of women in the money. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

On day one, Nyle Rock four-bet with pocket Queens and got himself pot committed against a player holding pocket Aces. He admitted he "was gambling" and this time he got lucky and caught a Queen on the board, or he would have busted out.

The 31-year-old Rock says he is married to the "greatest woman ever". His wife is an undergraduate law student and together they take care of his 80-year-old grandparents, so she wasn't able to be here to watch him win.

In addition to the ring and prize money, Rock earned 50 points toward the Casino Champion race and National Leaderboard. He is now in 6th place in the Casino Champion race behind the leader, Hyle Han, who has 55 points, and the first four event winners, who each have 50 points (amount won determines ties).

The final table began at 2pm PST Tuesday and wrapped up about 6:40pm, lasting less than five hours. Eight of the nine final table players were from California. The lone non-Californian was Robert Gallina from Carson City, Nevada. He finished 3rd for \$5,059.

Final Table Results

1. Nyle Rock (La Mirada, CA) \$11,341
2. Bobby Ostler (San Diego, CA) \$7,009
3. Robert Gallina (Carson City, NV) \$5,059
4. Shawn Buckley (Rancho Santa Margarita, CA) \$3,717
5. Michael Jacobs (Palos Verdes Estates, CA) \$2,779
6. Andrew Sapiro (Alamo, CA) \$2,113
7. Ed Mero (Pleasanton, CA) \$1,633
8. Todd Taylor (Simi Valley, CA) \$1,283
9. Christopher Liosi (Alpine, CA) \$1,024

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

EVENT #4: Josh Reichard defeated 138 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,589

EVENT #5: Nyle Rock defeated 135 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,341

With the fifth ring event completed, seven more remain at Harrah's Rincon.

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