

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 10  
Harrah's Tunica  
Tunica, MS  
Event #7  
No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 314  
Prize Pool: \$94,200  
January 29-30, 2014**



## **Joseph Hebda Dons Gold in Six-Max**

**First-time ring winner outlasts decorated field to score \$23,550.**

**Charlie Dawson takes Casino Championship points lead following third-place finish.**

**Tunica, MS (January 30, 2014)** — Joseph Hebda became the second of his traveling group of friends to break through for a gold ring victory at the 2014 Harrah's Tunica Circuit series Thursday night. Hebda, who was preceded in the winner's circle by Event 5 victor and close friend Justin Brown, won Event 7, a \$365 six-handed event for \$23,550.

The score came following a tough fought battle that saw 15-time Circuit casher Ting Ho finish 10th, Run Good pro Bernard Lee ninth and ring winner Katherine Bowen eighth. Additionally the final table included Circuit winner Harold Lockwood (sixth) and now-13-time Circuit final tablist Charlie Dawson (third).

Dawson's third-place finish meant for the 13th time in his career he came within earshot of a victory only to fall just short. He now tops the list for most career Circuit final tables without a win breaking a previous two-way tie with Dean Schultz.

"He's a really nice guy; played really well," Hebda said of Dawson. "He came back from 10 big blinds and ran it up to 30. I was really fortunate I hit a two-outer against him."

Dawson's consolation prize is 30 additional points toward the Casino Championship — a 12-day race he now leads with 62.5 total points and just five events yet to be decided.

While Event 7 looked to be Dawson's breakthrough performance, up-and-comer Hebda stole the spotlight from him.

"I started out third in chips with three left and managed to run it back up," Hebda said. "It was an emotional ride, for sure. You never give up and have to close."

While Hebda's relentless demeanor certainly didn't hurt him at the final table, he was quick to give credit to the eighth-place finisher Bowen for a Run Good bracelet she gave him when he held just 400,000 chips.

“I went from a million down to 400,000 and as soon as she came up and gave [me the bracelet] it was quite the turnaround,” Hebda said. “She’s like a second mom to us here on the Circuit and I appreciate everything she’s done.”

Admirably humble, Hebda passed out more kudos to his close friend who broke through for a ring just a couple days prior.

“Justin [Brown] is one of the best around. It’s really surreal. I couldn’t ask for a better finish,” he said of their joint breakthrough.

Hebda is a 28-year-old professional and sponsored member of the BCP team. The victory marks his 14th WSOP-related cash and sixth Circuit final table. Additionally, it moves him over the \$130,000 mark in career earnings at the WSOP.

Event 7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah’s Tunica. The \$365 No-Limit Hold’em Six-Handed tournament attracted 314 players generating a \$94,200 prize pool. The top 36 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with eight players remaining. The six-handed final table began at about 2:15 p.m. and concluded at 7:15 p.m.

### **Notes on the Event**

- Charlie Dawson (third) came to the Harrah’s Tunica Circuit series second on the all-time list for most career final tables without a gold ring victory. He’s since recorded two additional top-nine finishes and now tops the all-time list with 13 career final tables.
- Joseph Hebda previously finished seventh in last year’s Harrah’s Tunica six-handed event while Katherine Bowen finished fifth.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah’s Tunica’s twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives 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 Harrah’s Tunica:

EVENT #1: Mitch Franks defeated 384 players (\$365 NLH) for \$25,341

EVENT #2: Nick Burris defeated 560 players (\$365 NLH) for \$35,290

EVENT #3: Robert Richardson defeated 1,448 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$74,932

EVENT #4: Robert Hankins defeated 347 players (\$365 NLH) for \$23,941

EVENT #5: Justin Brown defeated 348 players (\$365 NLH) for \$24,012

EVENT #6: Oran Haynes defeated 318 players (\$365 NLH) for \$22,416

EVENT #7: Joseph Hebda defeated 314 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$23,550

With the seventh tournament wrapped, five more ring events remain at Harrah’s Tunica.

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