

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Caesars Palace Las Vegas Event #2

No Limit Hold'em Re-entry

Buy-In: \$365

**Total Entries: 890** 

**Total Prize Pool: \$267,000** 

**Tournament Dates: February 22<sup>nd-</sup> February 24th** 

Eric Fields earns his third ring in nine months

Las Vegas, NV (February 24, 2014)

We might just have a new Circuit star on our hands. Just nine months ago, Eric Fields graduated from the University of Alabama, then decided it would be fun to go on a poker trip to New Orleans. He signed up for his first Circuit event at Harrah's New Orleans, then ended up winning his first ring and scoring a \$22,000 payday.

From there, he decided to give poker a shot. He began to travel around, then, in October, he won ring number two, this time at Horseshoe Hammond. Last night, he added a third Circuit title to the pile, winning the \$365 No Limit Hold'em reentry event for over \$52,000.

It wasn't an easy feat either. First of all, this field was enormous. At 890 entries, it exceeded last year's field size and generated a substantial prize pool of \$267,000. It was impressive enough that Fields outlasted so many people to make the final table. Then, once he got there, he faced some serious competition. There were three ring winners at the final table, not to mention an incredibly accomplished regular, Josh Mancuso, who finished in tenth place.

When asked what the secret to his onslaught of Circuit success is, Fields didn't have any big and surprising revelation. Like most successful players, he realizes the secret of success is working hard. "I try to stay focused and get better every day."

So far, this plan keeps working for him. He plans to head to the Circuit series at the Bike immediately following this event as well as returning to New Orleans at the end of the season. With 150 Circuit points and just one or two cashes away from effectively guaranteeing a National Championship seat, plus his red hot track record, we think it is pretty safe to assume we will be seeing Fields in Atlantic City looking to see if focus and hard work can add a bracelet to that ring collection.

## Notes on the Event

- -This final table featured three previous ring winners: Joseph Hebda (1), Chris Conrad (1), and Eric Fields (2)
- -This was both Hebda's and Christopher Herrell's second cash of this series—both players made the money in Event 1, but came up short of the final table.
- -This was Chris Conrad's ninth career Circuit final table appearance.

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With his win, Fields earns 50 points and is now tied with Sal Musto for the early lead in the Caesars Palace Las Vegas Casino Champion contest. The player who earns the most Circuit points over the course of twelve-day series earns the title Casino Champion as well as an automatic seat into the 2014 National Championship to be held in Atlantic City May 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Caesars Palace'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 Caesars Palace Las Vegas so far:

EVENT #1: Sal Musto defeated 432 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$28,514 EVENT #2: Eric Fields defeated 890 entries (\$365 re-entry) for \$52,066

With the first tournament now wrapped up, there are still 11more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Caesars Palace Las Vegas concludes on March 3rd.

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