

## **2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 10**

**Harrah's New Orleans**

**New Orleans, LA**

**Event #1**

**No Limit Hold'em**

**Buy-In: \$365**

**Total Entries: 281**

**Prize Pool: \$84,300**

**May 8-9, 2013**



## **Louis George Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring**

### **Circuit Grinder DJ MacKinnon Denied #2**

**New Orleans, LA (May 9, 2014)** -- Amateur poker player and cloud services salesman Louis George booked his first cash in a WSOP Circuit event today, winning Event 1 and \$20,233. On winning his first ring, he said "I'm still waiting for it to sink in". He's been playing tournament poker occasionally for about 11 years and this is his first win in a major event.

George arrived at the ten-handed final table with a decent stack, but had chip leader Ross Leitz on his left and "he was aggressive". The big turning point for George was with four players remaining. He flopped two pair with A7 and got all-in on the flop of A K 7 against Leitz, who held AQ. A King on the turn counterfeited George's second pair and it appeared he would finish 4th. Then another 7 on the river gave George a full house and a huge double-up, along with the chip lead. Leitz went on to finish 3rd.

DJ MacKinnon was the only player at this final table to already own a Circuit ring. He came to the final table as one of the shortest stacks, starting Day 2 with fewer than 13 big blinds. He managed to grind his way back into the game to get heads-up with George, who held a 2.7:1 chip lead. The final hand was a cooler: MacKinnon held pocket 8s and George held pocket Kings. All the chips went in pre-flop and the Cowboys held up to give George the win.

For his second place finish, MacKinnon collected \$12,503, but more importantly, he collected 37.5 points, bringing his total to 157.5. That boosts him into the top 30 on the National Leaderboard and should be enough to secure him an at-large bid in the National Championship.

The premier event of the final Circuit series of the season began Thursday with 281 players. This event drew some big guns, like WSOP bracelet owner Arkadiy Tsinis, and original November Niner Dennis Phillips. Lots of ring-bearers turned out, including Nancy Birnbaum, Rex Clinkscales, Katherine Bowen, Joseph McKeen, and Andrew Spears. They all failed to make the money.

The total prize pool came to \$84,300 and was distributed to the final 30 players. Sheila Olsen was the last woman in this event and she bubbled the 'official' final table, finishing 10th for \$1,503.

After 21 levels of play on Day 1, there were nine players remaining and returning for Day 2 Friday at 2pm. Day 2 wrapped up in two levels (1 hour, 40 minutes) making the total time for the nine-handed final table about two hours.

Originally from New Orleans, Louis George now lives in Georgia and came down this week to visit his mother for Mother's Day. His family arrives today. His wife and two daughters will keep him busy through the weekend, but he would like to make it back to Harrah's New Orleans for another tournament during this series.

### **Final Table Results**

<b><u>PLACE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAYER</u></b>	<b><u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u></b>	<b><u>CASH EARNED</u></b>
1	Louis George	Suwanee, GA, US	\$20,233
2	DJ MacKinnon	East Amherst, NY, US	\$12,503
3	Ross Leitz	Slidell, LA, US	\$9,072
4	Thomas Gray	ST PETERSBURG, FL, US	\$6,693
5	Joseph Morneau	Candia, NH, US	\$5,020
6	Duane Fontenot	Geismar, LA, US	\$3,826
7	Wayne Lovell	Killeen, TX, US	\$2,961
8	Franklin Klug	NEW ORLEANS, LA, US	\$2,327
9	Jeffrey Sager	Slidell, LA, US	\$1,856

Full results are available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's New Orleans twelve gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Bally's Atlantic City May 22-24, 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. This is the final stop of the season and all the at-large qualifiers will be determined by the conclusion of this series.

More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's New Orleans:

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