

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #7

Six Max No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 266

Prize Pool: \$79,800

May 13-14, 2014



Third Time Is The Charm For Jonathan Hart

New Orleans, LA (May 14, 2014) -- "Third time I got heads up -- and I finally won one!" exclaimed Jonathan Hart. He takes home \$21,144 and his first Circuit ring for the win. He and John Paul Sloan were locked in a head-up battle for nearly two full hours.

When they got heads-up, Sloan had the lead with 1.6 million to Hart's 1 million. "He wanted to inflate the pots and I tried to keep the pots small because I felt like my advantage was post-flop," Hart said, referring to Sloan's style. They traded the lead back and forth a couple of times before the final hand. They got all the chips in the middle on an 8-high flop. Both players had a pair of 8s, but Hart had the Ace kicker. Sloan had to settle for second place and \$13,078. This is the 21-year-old's first recorded WSOP Circuit cash.

Jonathan Hart is a cash-game semi-professional poker player who just started playing tournaments a little over a year ago. He first got heads-up for a ring in Tunica in February 2013, but came up short, finishing 2nd. Then last year here in New Orleans he got heads-up against Stephen Hesse with a more than 8:1 chip lead, but Hesse came back to beat him.

Hart says he made a "crucial mistake" late on Day 1 to lose the chip lead. Sloan was the chip leader when the final table formed and when they bagged their chips at the end of the night with six players remaining. Including the partial level played on Day 1, the six-handed final table took about 5.5 hours to play out.

The 2012 Harrah's New Orleans Main Event Champion and two-time ring winner Justin Truesdell made this final table, but was short-stacked. He was fighting for ring #3, but only made it to 4th place before busting out. He was the only ring winner at this final table.

The SixMax event drew 266 players for a total prize pool of \$79,800. The final 27 players earned a cut. No women made the money in this event. One notable in the money was two-time ring winner Joseph McKeehen, who finished in 18th place (\$949). He also picked up 5 points on the National Leaderboard bringing his total to 105.

This was Jonathan Hart's first event of this series. He was sick and had to delay his arrival, but now he is off to a strong start. He is going to play all the events he can through the rest of this series and then plans to take his show on the road to Vegas for the WSOP.

Final Table Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Jonathan Hart	JACKSON, MS, US	\$21,144
2	John Sloan	Montgomery, AL, US	\$13,078
3	Ryan Bruner	HOUSTON, TX, US	\$9,091
4	Justin Truesdell	FT. THOMAS, KY, US	\$6,389
5	Daniel Genkins	Charlotte, NC, US	\$4,536
6	Gabriel Fodor	Humble, TX, US	\$3,253

Full results are available on 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.

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

- EVENT #1: Louis George defeated 281 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$20,233
- EVENT #2: Larry Hirons defeated 332 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$22,909
- EVENT #3: David Nicholson defeated 116 players (\$365 PLO) earning \$10,441
- EVENT #4: Austin Apicella defeated 698 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) earning \$42,933
- EVENT #5: Matthew Batoon defeated 229 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$17,174
- EVENT #6: Justin Booth defeated 272 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$19,586
- EVENT #7: Jonathan Hart defeated 266 players (\$365 SixMax NLH) earning \$21,144

With seven ring events completed, five more remain in this series.

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