

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #8

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 302

Prize Pool: \$90,600

May 14-15, 2014



Tim West Comes East & Wins 2nd Circuit Ring

Chris Parsons Denied Ring #3

New Orleans, LA (May 15, 2014) -- Tim West is a 28-year-old professional poker player and says his ambition is "to be the best and never cease". That's what he did today when he won his second ring. The California native collected \$21,291 for the win and jumped right into the \$1,125 No Limit Hold'em event that was already in progress. There was no post-game interview because of this, but he Tweeted: "Shipped ring #2!!!! super happy right now. Clear head clear heart. Playin the 1k now".

In addition, he picked up 50 points, increasing his total to 80 points, good for first place on the Casino Champion leaderboard. With 195 points on the National Leaderboard, he's going to Atlantic City for the \$1 Million National Championship either way.

Heads-up play began with West holding a nearly 10:1 chip lead over Chris Parsons. Parsons already has two rings and was playing for #3, but couldn't make it happen. The heads-up match only lasted about 20 minutes (not counting a break). Instead of his third ring, Parsons will pick up \$13,164 for second place.

For the first time this series, two women made it to the final table. Janet Howard, who finished 3rd in the 2012 WSOP Ladies event for over \$66,000, was eliminated in 4th place. Julie Bindelglass finished 6th in her first reported Circuit cash.

Eric Samra was the chip leader when the final table formed and at the end of Day 1. He busted out in 5th place. Tim Martin, a New Orleans native and Circuit ring winner, finished 8th. Including a partial level on Day 1, the final table played out in about 4.5 hours.

This event drew 302 players for a total prize pool of \$90,600. That was shared among the final 33 players. Four-time Circuit ring winner David Nicholson finished in 12th place in this event -- his 4th cash of this series. He's up to 80 points in the Casino Championship race, second behind Tim West based on earnings. On the National Leaderboard he's up to 142.5, so it looks like he's also going to Atlantic City for the National Championship, one way or another.

Tim West says he used to weigh 290 pounds and now he's down to 190, having lost 100 pounds. He's also taking up yoga. Unfortunately he did not last long in the \$1,125 NLH Event, but will be back tomorrow for the Main Event.

Final Table Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Tim West	LOS ALTOS, CA, US	\$21,291
2	Chris Parsons	MENTOR, OH, US	\$13,164
3	Rogelio Salinas III	San Antonio, TX, US	\$9,561
4	Janet Howard	GARLAND, TX, US	\$7,062
5	Eric Samra	New York, NY, US	\$5,302
6	Julia Bindelglass	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, US	\$4,043
7	Robert Keller	Gulf Shores, AL, US	\$3,137
8	Timothy Martin	NEW ORLEANS, LA, US	\$2,463
9	Isidro Sifuentes	HOUSTON, TX, US	\$1,965

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
- EVENT #8: Tim West defeated 302 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$21,291

With eight ring events completed, four more remain in this series.

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