

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #12

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 210

Prize Pool: \$63,000

May 18 - 19, 2014



Wayne Lovell Wins 1st WSOP Circuit Ring

New Orleans, LA (May 19, 2014) -- "Awesome...a definite thrill" is how Wayne Lovell described winning his first WSOP Circuit ring and \$16,380 in the final event of the season at Harrah's New Orleans. He's been playing tournaments seriously for about two and a half years. This was his second cash of this series -- he finished 7th Event 1.

At one point at the final table, Lovell had over 1 million chips, but doubled up another player five times. He held on to get heads-up but was way behind in chips. The heads-up match between Brandon Jackson and Wayne Lovell only lasted about 20 minutes. Jackson had the lead with about 1.7 million to Lovell's 325k, but Lovell doubled up twice to take the lead. On the final hand, all the chips went on the flop. Lovell had top pair and was ahead of Jackson, who had straight and flush draws. He whiffed all his outs and Lovell had the win. Brandon Jackson leaves with \$10,118 for second place.

There were 210 entrants in the final ring event of the series and the season. The total prize pool came to \$63,000 and was shared among the final 21 players. There were no WSOP hardware owners at this final table. The event began at 3pm Sunday and at the end of 18 levels of play, only 14 players remained. They returned for Day 2 at 1pm on Sunday.

Notables cashing in this event were WSOP bracelet holder Robert 'RCW' Cheung, who finished 21st for \$698, and November Niner and ring winner Dennis Phillips, who finished 15th for \$984.

Sean Small entered the event with 125 points and in 59th place on the National Leaderboard. He needed at least an 11th place finish to gain a berth in the National Championships. He did even better than that, finishing 6th for 22.5 points bringing his total to 147.5 and locking up a seat in the \$1 Million freeroll starting later this week.

"I took it one step at a time," said the US Army Sergeant First Class of his journey to the win. Lovell has 24 years in the service and plans to retire later this year. He only made it to three stops on the Circuit this season, but after retiring, he hopes to spend more time traveling and playing poker.

Final Table Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Wayne Lovell	Killeen, TX, US	\$16,380
2	Brandon Jackson	NEW ORLEANS, LA, US	\$10,118
3	Terrence Ridgely	DALLAS, TX, US	\$7,306
4	Ray Caywood	Houston, TX, US	\$5,366
5	James Eastham	ATLANTA, GA, US	\$4,009
6	Sean Small	DOUGLASVILLE, GA, US	\$3,046
7	Samer Al-Shurieki	Pensacola, FL, US	\$2,353
8	Tom Montes	SUGAR LAND, TX, US	\$1,848
9	Bronson Tucker	AUSTIN, TX, US	\$1,474

Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The player who accumulated the most overall points during Harrah's New Orleans twelve gold ring tournaments earned the title Casino Champion and received automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Bally's Atlantic City May 22-24, 2014. Tim West locked up the title with his 16th place finish in the Main Event for a total of 100 points.

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
EVENT #9: Jason Potter defeated 247 players (\$365 Turbo NLH) earning \$18,156
EVENT #10: Arthur Boatman defeated 191 players (\$1,125 NLH) earning \$49,665
MAIN EVENT (EVENT #11): Bryan Campanello defeated 558 players (\$1,675 NLH) earning \$175,459
EVENT #12: Wayne Lovell defeated 210 players (\$365 NLH) earning \$16,380

With twelve ring events completed, that concludes the 2014 Harrah's New Orleans Circuit series! The season-ending National Championship is up next, starting Thursday May 22nd at Bally's in Atlantic City.

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