

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino  
Event #13  
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo  
Buy-In: \$365  
Total Entries: 133  
Total Prize Pool: \$39,900  
November 23, 2014**

## **David Smith Wins Turbo Event at Planet Hollywood**

**Las Vegas (November 24, 2014)** – David Smith's victory seemed like destiny. Event #13: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em was the last event at the World Series of Poker at Planet Hollywood. Smith had had more than his share of tough luck throughout the previous events, and almost didn't play this last one. A last-minute change of heart paved the way for his first WSOP Circuit ring and \$11,171 in prize money.

For Smith, from Burnaby British Columbia, the ring holds extra value—it represents a victory over his own personal demons as well as over his opponents. After the event, he was visibly choked up, and took a moment to compose himself before he could describe what brought him to this point. He originally wasn't going to play this event because of frustrations over his recent results, but he changed his mind at the last minute. "Last night I realized that I my attitude was a problem," he explained. "That was it. My attitude was what was stopping me. Taking bad beats the wrong way." He made a commitment to himself to change that attitude, and he saw immediate results.

The victory represented the culmination of a lot of hard work for Smith, and it allows him to check off one of his major goals. "I've been really trying hard to win a ring. Even though I'm not rich, it's not about the money. I really want the ring. I want five, but you gotta get one before you can get five." He already has plans for the ring itself, too. He's going to let his dog wear it on his vest. His dog, appropriately enough, is named Lucky.

The tournament was played in one day on Sunday, November 23. It started at 12 p.m. local time. Play finished at about 11:00 p.m., making the total duration of the tournament about 11 hours.

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

-----

At the conclusion of Event #13, Kheang Tang still holds the lead in the Planet Hollywood Casino Champion race. Tang has three cashes, including one ring and a runner-up finish. He now has 90 points. Raney Stanczak is in second placed with 65 points. Vincent Moscati and Jimmy Hellerer are tied for third place with 60 points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Planet Hollywood earns the title "Casino Champion" and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Planet Hollywood Main Event earns an automatic entry to the National Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply

to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 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](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Planet Hollywood so far:

EVENT #1: Kheang Tang defeated 1,387 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$71,749.

EVENT #2: Craig Gold defeated 162 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$27,000.

EVENT #3: Michael Kline defeated 284 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$20,450.

EVENT #4: Brandon Newsome defeated 319 Players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$22,497.

EVENT #5: Vincent Moscati defeated 138 players (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$11,589.

EVENT #6: Raney Stanczak defeated 276 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$33,118.

EVENT #7: Stephanie Chung defeated 113 players (\$365 Dealer's Choice) for \$10,171.

EVENT #9: Chris LoPresto defeated 169 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed) for \$23,658.

EVENT #10: James Hellerer defeated 353 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$25,282.

EVENT #12: Young Ji defeated 167 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$13,526.

EVENT #13: David Smith defeated 133 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo) for \$11,171.

With Event #13 now wrapped up, every event at the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood is complete except for the Main Event, which will wrap up on Monday November 24<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about the World Series of Poker Circuit, be sure to follow us on Twitter [@WSOP](https://twitter.com/WSOP) or check out [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

For additional information please contact:

Robert Kirschen (WSOP Media Coordinator) @ [rkirschen@caesars.com](mailto:rkirschen@caesars.com).