

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Harrah's Resort Southern California
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entrants: 95
Total Prize Pool: \$28,500
December 13, 2014

Mike Sims Wins his First WSOP Circuit Ring at Harrah's Southern California

Sims Recovered from a Short-Stack at a Long Final Table

San Diego (December 15, 2014) – In the second-to-last event at the World Series of Poker at Harrah's Southern California, Mike Sims won his first Circuit ring and \$8,551.

At times, the last day of the tournament seemed like an endurance contest. Twelve players returned for Day 2, and pretty soon they were down to the final table. After that, though, the tournament turned into a battle of attrition, and even though the average stack wasn't especially deep, the final table played for almost seven hours before Sims secured his ring. "It was very interesting play," he said later. "Chips got shuffled around quite a bit."

The long day may have helped Sims. At one point at the final table, he was down to only five big blinds, but he staged a major comeback and ended up with all the chips.

This was the second final table of the series for Sims. He also finished in 6th place in [Event #9: \\$580 No-Limit Hold'em](#). Ninth-place finisher James Hellerer was also at his second final table of this Circuit stop. He earned an eighth-place finish earlier in the week.

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Saturday, December 13. Of the 95 entrants, only 12 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Sunday, December 14. The final playing session began at 1 p.m. local time. Play finished at about 8:00 p.m., making the total duration of the final roughly 8 hours.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

Two other events ended the same day as Event #11. When the day was over Tavish Margers had secured the title of Casino Champion. Margers finished in 6th place in the Main Event a few days after winning a ring in a preliminary event. He had one other cash in the series for a total of 95 points. His final table performance just pushed him ahead of Vincent Moscati, who won the first event at Harrah's Southern California, made another final table, and had one other cash for a total of 82.5 points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Harrah's Southern California earns the title of Casino Champion and receives an

automatic entry into the \$1 million 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Harrah's Southern California 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.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's Southern California so far:

- EVENT #1: Vincent Moscati defeated 183 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$14,275.
- EVENT #2: Raad Farida defeated 135 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em – 1 Day) for \$11,341.
- EVENT #3: Scott Stewart defeated 526 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$33,926.
- EVENT #4: Jason Wortham defeated 106 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$9,542.
- EVENT #5: Tavish Margers defeated 113 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$10,172.
- EVENT #6: Nyle Rock defeated 135 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed) for \$11,543.
- EVENT #7: Steve Forman defeated 73 players (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$7,446.
- EVENT #8: Slade Crooks defeated 138 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$11,589.
- EVENT #9: Rohan Jain defeated 128 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$17,919.
- EVENT #10: Sean Yu defeated 283 entries (\$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event) for \$101,811.
- EVENT #11: Mike Sims defeated 95 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$8,551.
- EVENT #12: Conrad Monica defeated 99 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em – 1 Day) for \$8,911.

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