

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 11
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Atlantic City, N.J.
Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)
Total Entries: 114
Prize Pool: \$57,000
Dec. 14-15, 2014**



Jones with a Breakthrough Victory

John Jones wins his first gold ring at his sixth career WSOP Circuit final table.

Atlantic City, N.J. (December 15, 2014) -- John Jones found himself at another Circuit final table Monday evening in Atlantic City. He is no stranger to WSOP Circuit final tables. This was his sixth career final table. This time was different than the others for Jones though. This time Jones was the last man standing at the tournament's conclusion. Jones won Event #3 – \$580 No-Limit Hold'em for \$17,100 and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Jones has made an impressive six WSOP Circuit final tables out of his eight cashes. Before today Jones had been close, but never able to win a gold ring. He had a second place, two third places, a fourth place and a seventh place to his name. Today, after a long tough grind, Jones can add a first place to his Circuit resume.

"The best thing about this win is that the competition was really tough, so I really feel like I earned it," said Jones.

Jones defeated a somewhat small field of 114 players, but since it was a \$580 buy-in instead of \$365 buy-in, the competition was a step up. Jones found himself up against a tough heads-up opponent in Julie Cornelius. She entered the final table as the chip leader and held it until Jones took it from her heads-up. Jones was able to survive a hand where Cornelius flopped quads against him and from there he went on to win the tournament.

Jones has shown that he can have success at the poker table with all of his deep runs, but it does not compare to the success he has had in juggling. Jones is the proud owner of seven juggling world records as well 16 gold medals. Juggling and poker may not seem like they closely relate, but Jones had an interesting perspective on it.

"Learning anything like [juggling] takes the same discipline," said Jones about similarities of juggling and poker. "I practice juggling with my juggling partner once a week, for three hours a day, for ten years. With poker you have to put a lot of time into it. You don't just do it over night. I study poker year around and then I only play one series a year."

Jones will continue to play the rest of the series. He said that after cashing for about \$93,000 in last year's AC series, he treated himself to play the entire series this year as a reward.

Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The \$580 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 114 players generating a \$57,000 prize pool. The top 12 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at noon and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 began Monday at 1 p.m. with nine players remaining. The tournament concluded at 7:45 p.m.

Notes on the event:

- Jones has six final Circuit final table appearances of his eight cashes.
- Heads-up play lasted more than an hour long.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship 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. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's Resort Atlantic City:

EVENT #1: Malik Boney defeated 250 players (\$365 NLH) for \$18,369

EVENT #2: Derek Blenman defeated 521 players (\$365 NLH Re-entry) for \$33,606

EVENT #3: John Jones defeated 114 players (NLH) for \$17,100

With the third tournament wrapped up, nine more ring events remain at the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City series.

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