



2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Seven
Harrah's Tunica
Event #20 (Ring Event #5)
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$345
Total Entries: 410
Total Prize Pool: \$119,310
February 3-4, 2011

Final Results:

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1	Kyle Cartwright	Bartlett	TN	\$25,678
2	Tyler Olsen	Little Rock	AR	\$15,869
3	Christopher Dandrea	Nashville	TN	\$11,596
4	Joshua Cooper	Mt. Juliet	TN	\$8,610
5	Maurice Hawkins	Coral Springs	FL	\$6,493
6	James Rapp	Centerville	OH	\$4,969
7	Darrell Hahs	Friedheim	MO	\$3,859
8	Timothy McNeely	Helena	AR	\$3,040
9	Austin McCormick	Chesterfield	MO	\$2,428
10	Brandon McKinney	Fort Smith	AR	\$1,966
11	Thomas Jagers	Harding County	KY	\$1,966
12	Arun Malvea	Benton Ville	AR	\$1,966
13	Chris Newcomb	Nashville	TN	\$1,613
14	Billy Davis	Throckmorton	TX	\$1,613
15	Donald Baumer	Troy	IL	\$1,613
16	James Kizer	Collierville	TN	\$1,342
17	Benjamin Mintz	New Orleans	LA	\$1,342
18	Jason Mayfield	Cabot	AR	\$1,342
19	Lewis Webb	Birmingham	AL	\$1,131
20	James McMahan	Olive Branch	MS	\$1,131
21	Lance Gasaway	Star City	AR	\$1,131
22	David Self	Hermosa Beach	CA	\$965
23	Jeffrey Welch	Greenfield	IN	\$965
24	Vivian Belcher	Rowlett	TX	\$965
25	Chad Cathey	Petrolia	CA	\$835
26	Billy Campbell	Atlanta	GA	\$835
27	Brian Rasberry	LaSalle	Ontario, CAN	\$835
28	Joshua Palmer	Daphne	AL	\$731
29	Raymond Bush	Southaven	MS	\$731
30	Steve McCluskey	Oxford	MS	\$731
31	Thomas Chambers	Fort Wayne	IN	\$648
32	Preston Rothwell	Blue Springs	MO	\$648
33	Douglas Carli	Alliance	OH	\$648
34	Joseph Gorman	Memphis	TN	\$581
35	Nicholas Rogers	Augusta	GA	\$581
36	Michael Chesney	Indianapolis	IN	\$581
37	Robert Hahs	Oak Ridge	MO	\$528

38	Charles Belcher	Rowlett	TX	\$528
39	John Teague	Hopkinsville	KY	\$528
40	David Dacus	Collierville	TN	\$528
41	Joseph Gore	Herrin	IL	\$528
42	Dennis Gibbons	Lilburn	GA	\$528
43	Mark Arnburg	Des Moines	IA	\$528
44	Christopher Williams	Meridian	MS	\$528
45	Jonathan Causey	Ripley	TN	\$264
46	Ronald Cole	Sour Lake	TX	\$264

Third Time's a Charm!

In his third-ever live tournament, Kyle Cartwright wins Ring Event #5 at Harrah's Tunica

TUNICA, MS. – Kyle Cartwright, a poker player from Bartlett, TN is the winner of ring event #5 at Harrah's Tunica. Cartwright, who played exclusively online until just recently, outlasted a field of 410 players in the two-day, Thursday-start event to take home \$25,678 and the coveted WSOP Circuit gold ring.

26 players returned on day two of the event and after a few hours of play, were down to a group of nine.

Joining Cartwright at the final table was Florida tournament pro, Maurice Hawkins, who had his eyes set on a record-tying fourth WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Hawkins says that he decided to play at Harrah's Tunica because in addition to the value of playing in the Circuit Events here, he wanted to accomplish one clear goal, earning a seat to the WSOPC National Championship.

"I thought about going up to Borgata to play but decided that for the same investment, I could enter in as many events here plus back a couple of other players and more importantly, get that seat to the National Championship."

The season-culminating WSOP Circuit National Championship Event is among the changes of the newly revamped Circuit Events. Through the 15 official Circuit stops of the 2010/2011 season, 100 players will earn an entry into the nationally-televised, million-dollar freeroll bracelet event to be held on May 27th at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Through a newly-implemented ranking system, players can qualify for the national championship by earning points based on their performance in the ten official WSOP Circuit ring events held at each stop. [Read more about the national championship.](#) See the new points system [here.](#)

Hawkins flew into town only a couple of days ago and jumped right into the fray. For the 31-year-old three-time Circuit event winner, it was business as usual as he sat down Friday evening to his seventh WSOPC final table.

However, for 23-year-old Kyle Cartwright, the night would be one of a number of firsts, including the biggest of his budding poker career, a WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Name	Hometown	Seat	Chip Count
James McNeely	Helena, AR	1	225,000
Austin McCormick	St. Louis, MO	2	166,000
Josh Cooper	Jackson, TN	3	951,000
Chris Dandrea	Nashville, TN	4	355,000
Maurice Hawkins	Fort Lauderdale, FL	5	731,000
Tyler Olsen	Little Rock, AR	6	480,000
Darrell Hahs	Friedham, MO	7	336,000
Kyle Cartwright	Bartlett, TN	8	593,000
James Rapp	Dayton, OH	9	272,000

Ninth Place

The final table got underway at 5:25 pm with blinds and antes at 6,000/12,000/2,000. It wasn't long into play before the first elimination of the evening when Austin McCormick called Darrell Hahs all-in for his remaining chips on a flop of [2s][3s][8s].

Hahs revealed a flopped king-high flush, tabling [Ks][5s], which held through the [Kh] turn and [2d] river, ending McCormick's run. McCormick is a 23-year-old poker pro from St. Louis, MO. McCormick made his breakout win in last year's Circuit Events at Harrah's St. Louis which he followed up in the 2010 WSOP with a fourth place showing in event #11. For today's final table finish, McCormick earned \$2,428.

Eighth Place

After the turn on a [4s][Qc][Kd][3d] board, James McNeely was all-in for his tournament life with [Kc][6h] against Kyle Cartwright, who had flopped two pair with [Kh][4h]. McNeely was left needing a six or a queen on the river to double, but was denied both when the [Th] was dealt out. McNeely made his exit from the final table to collect eighth place prize money, worth \$3,040.

Seventh Place

With blinds at 10,000/20,000, Cartwright opened preflop for 85,000 and after a call from Hahs, the two went heads up to a [Ks][5h][2h] flop. Cartwright led out for 100,000, bringing Hahs along. On the river, Hahs jammed for 246,000 total and Cartwright called, showing [Jc][Jh]. Only a four or an ace would salvage Hahs' tournament bid, but after a benign nine fell on the river, it was over. Hahs is a self-employed farmer from Friedheim, MO. Seventh place paid out \$3,859.

Sixth Place

The sixth place finisher was James Rapp. Rapp hit the rail after his queens failed to hold on an all-in vs. Chris Dandrea's [Ac][Kc] after three clubs were dealt out on the board. Rapp earned \$4,969 for sixth place. A short while after Rapp's elimination, the players took their dinner break and returned to blinds of 12,000/24,000.

Fifth Place

Throughout the night, Hawkins found himself on the short end of a number of skirmishes with his final table opponents, most notably Chris Dandrea and Tyler Olsen. Down to 111,000, he made a last stand, moving all-in with pocket nines and got a call from Olsen who tabled pocket fours.

Clearly, it was not Hawkins' night as the flop came down [4c][Jh][Td], leaving him behind were he stayed after a five and deuce hit the turn and river. The hand capped off a number of beats for Hawkins, who audibly bemoaned his luck throughout the night.

Falling short of a record-tying victory, the WSOP Circuit veteran from Ft. Lauderdale, FL sucked it up, congratulated his opponents and headed to the payout table to sign off on his \$6,493 fifth place prize.

Fourth Place

With play down to four, Cartwright was the dominant chip leader with nearly a 2-1 chip lead over his nearest opponent, Dandrea, who had just over 800,000. Olsen and Josh Cooper, who earlier lost a massive pot to Cartwright, were the short stacks.

In an incredible turn of events, Olsen got it all-in preflop for around 540,000 with pocket aces and was called by Cooper, who left 86,000 behind with [Ad][Ks]. The aces held up, leaving Cooper crippled.

The very next hand, Cooper was all-in with pocket queens and was called by Olsen, who turned over none else but another pair of rockets. Aces held once again and Cooper's tournament was finished.

Cooper is a 23-year-old poker player from Jackson, TN who made his first major tournament cash in the 2010 WSOP where he had three in-the-money finishes.

In July of that year, he won a PLO event at the World Poker Open. His performance in ring event #5 at Harrah's Tunica earned him \$8,610.

Third Place

Shortly after play was down to three, Dandrea made an all-in move preflop for the blinds and antes with [Qc][7h] and was called by Olsen who turned over [Ah][Kh]. Dandrea was unable to improve on the jack-high board and was eliminated in third. Dandrea is a 37-year-old salesman from Nashville, TN. His third-ever WSOP Circuit cash grossed him \$11,596.

Second Place

Heads up was between Cartwright and Olsen, who had nearly a 3-2 chip lead over his opponent. Heads up play resumed at 11:20 pm with blinds at 20,000/40,000. Cartwright however had an edge over Olsen, which eventually put him more than a 3-1 advantage. In the final hand of the night, Cartwright moved all-in on a board of [5h][Kc][Td][Qh] with [Tc][Kh] and Olsen called for all his chips with [Qd][Ad]. The river was the [7d], making Cartwright's two pair good to take the win, worth \$25,678 and the ring.

For his runner-up finish, Olsen who is from Little Rock, AR pocketed \$15,869.

In his third-ever live tournament, Cartwright booked his first major tournament cash, final table and win.

“It was these guys right here who made me make the jump from online to live,” said Cartwright pointing to his ecstatic friends who earlier cheered him on to victory.

“I’m ready to party,” said Cartwright matter-of-factly when asked about how he felt after his win, and after picking up his cash, he and his buddies stormed off to celebrate into the night.

Still to come are 34 events and 5 ring events. See the complete Harrah’s Tunica Circuit schedule and previous results [here](#). The WSOP Circuit at Tunica runs through February 15th. You can find the complete 2010/2011 WSOP CIRCUIT SCHEDULE [here](#).

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