

**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
IP Casino Resort and Spa
Biloxi, Mississippi
Event #7
No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 139
Prize Pool: \$41,700
August 14-15, 2012**



THAT'S MY RING

Tennessee resident shines in WSOP Circuit's season-opening six-handed event. Rodney Shows falls short of overtaking Cory Wood in the Casino Champion's race.

Biloxi, MS (August 15, 2012) — When the ten of diamonds hit the river early Wednesday night at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS one would be hard pressed to tell just by looking at him if Rodney Givens won or lost.

The 41-year-old man from Monteagle, TN had won Event #7, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed event, the first of its kind on the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit, but remained emotionless.

He and his opponent, Benton Blakeman, had the rest of their chips in, Givens holding pocket tens and Blakeman holding ace-jack and at risk. The flop brought a jack catapulting Blakeman into the lead but Givens stood stoic. The turn came a blank and Givens remained motionless. When the miracle ten of diamonds hit the river he gave nothing up aside from a 'Good game' and a congenial handshake to the tournament's runner-up.

When asked what went through his head when the ten hit the river, Givens replied,

“That's my ring.”

Givens decided to forgo college after high school and began working for his father as a contractor building homes. Givens remains a builder to this day.

The score marked his first-ever WSOP Circuit cash and largest tournament score.

This was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at IP Biloxi. Officially listed as Event #7, the \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament attracted 139 entrants. The total prize pool came to \$41,700. The top fifteen finishers were paid. Givens was awarded \$11,675 for first. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

The two-day tournament began at 12 p.m. local time Tuesday. It took 13 hours and 30 minutes (including a one-hour dinner break) to reach the six-handed final table. Day 1 play concluded at

