



**2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Tunica
Event #9
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$580
Total Entries: 313
Total Prize Pool: \$156,500
January 31 – February 1, 2013**

“Practice Makes Perfect” Allen Kemp Wins Event 9 at Harrah's Tunica

Playing in his first-ever live tournament, 33-year-old IT specialist turns “practice” session into \$36,780

Amateurs continue to dominate through nine Events at Harrah's Tunica

TUNICA, MS – The World Series of Poker Circuit Events at Harrah's Tunica continued Friday with the conclusion of Event 9, \$580 No-Limit Hold'em. The winner was Allen Kemp, a 33-year-old IT specialist from Hartsville, TN.

Kemp, who won a seat to the 2013 WSOP Main Event at his local home game, decided to make the trip to Harrah's Tunica to prepare himself for the big dance this summer in Las Vegas.

“This was a good practice session,” Kemp said after the win. “I came into this just hoping not to embarrass myself.”

So other than \$36,780 in first place prize money and the WSOP Circuit Gold ring what did Kemp come away with from his “practice” session?

“You gotta stay focused,” he said. “I've never played this long before, so focus is the key.”

With seven of nine events so far going to amateurs, this year's WSOP Circuit series at Harrah's Tunica has been a testament to why poker's popularity is ever-increasing. With even just a small investment of time and money, anyone with the aptitude to analyze situations and make good decisions can take a seat and compete with the best of them.

Event #9, \$580 No-Limit Hold'em drew 313 entries, generating a total prize pool of \$156,500. The top 33 finishers made the money.

Through nine events, John Holley, a professional fisherman and poker player from Destin, FL maintained the lead in the Casino Champion points race at Harrah's Tunica with a total of 90 points.

The Casino Champion is the player who earns the most points through the 12 events at Harrah's Tunica. This player will earn an automatic seat to the WSOP Circuit National Championship to be held May 21 – May 23 at Harrah's New Orleans. More information about the WSOPC National Championship can be found [here](#). An explanation of the points system can be found [here](#).

3 events are still to come. See the complete Harrah's Tunica Circuit schedule and event results [here](#). The WSOP Circuit Events at Harrah's Tunica runs through February 4th. You can find the complete 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule [here](#).

Final table results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
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1	Allen Kemp	Lebanon, TN, US	\$36,780
2	James Kinney	MATTHEWS, NC, US	\$22,739
3	Matthew Blaxton	DECATUR, AL, US	\$16,515
4	Clint Fawcett	Fordyce, AR, US	\$12,199
5	Daniel Marsh	Wayland, MI, US	\$9,158
6	Christopher Graham	Malakoff, TX, US	\$6,985
7	Jay Diaz	CANYON, TX, US	\$5,410
8	Michael Lytle	ATLANTA, GA, US	\$4,254
9	Frank Webb	MEMPHIS, TN, US	\$3,394

ABOUT HARRAH'S TUNICA

Harrah's Tunica is located 20 minutes south of Memphis, Tennessee and was originally opened in 1996 as Grand Casino. On May, 23, 2008 Paula Deen cut the official grand opening ribbon at Harrah's Tunica featuring the first of its kind Paula Deen Buffet and an interactive gaming floor that is the largest in the region. Spanning over 2,000 acres Harrah's Tunica features the Links at Cottonwoods championship golf course designed by Hale Irwin, Willows Sporting Clays and Hunting Center, the Mid-South Convention Center offering over 65,000 square feet of indoor meeting space, three elegant hotels totaling 1356 hotel rooms, the 200-space Mid-South RV Resort, Bellissimo Spa and Salon, and a 2,400 seat event center that features headline entertainment.

ABOUT THE WSOP

The World Series of Poker (WSOP) is the largest, richest and most prestigious gaming event in the world awarding millions of dollars in prize money and the prestigious gold bracelet, globally recognized as the sport's top prize. Featuring a comprehensive slate of tournaments in every major poker variation, the WSOP is poker's longest running tournament in the world, dating back to 1970. In 2012, the event attracted 74,766 entrants from 101 different countries to the Rio in Las Vegas and awarded over \$222 million in prize money. In addition, the WSOP has formed groundbreaking alliances in broadcasting, digital media and corporate sponsorships, while successfully expanding the brand internationally with the advent in 2007 of the World Series of Poker Europe. The WSOP Circuit Tour is entering its ninth season in 2012-13. For more information on the World Series of Poker, please visit www.WSOP.com.

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