2013 World Series of Poker
Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino Las Vegas, Nevada
Event 1
Casino Employees Event
Buy-In: $500
Number of Entries: 898
Total Prize Pool: $404,100
Number of Places Paid: 90
First Place Prize: $84,915
May 29-30, 2013

Chad Holloway won the opening event of the 2013 World Series of Poker early Friday morning at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The victory came in the $500 Casino Employee event and awarded the senior editor for Pokernews.com $84,915 and the coveted WSOP gold bracelet.

Holloway is no stranger to final tables as he spent the last several years tirelessly providing live-reporting coverage for some of poker's biggest names all across the globe. On Friday, though, roles were reversed when gold bracelet champions Jason Mercier and Antonio Esfandiari stopped by the rail to wish the Wisconsin resident well. Holloway's professional life will forever be defined by irony as he now holds the very trophy each of the players he covers desire.

If you would like more information about our latest bracelet winner, here are some useful links:

Winner Story
Winner Interview
Chad Holloway's Tournament Results
Live Updates from the Event
End of Day Reports
WSOP Player of the Year Standings

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For statistics and historical information from the 2013 World Series of Poker, contact Jessica Welman at jwelman@caesars.com
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