



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
Harrah's New Orleans  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Event #6  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In \$300 (+65)  
Total Entries: 325  
Prize Pool: \$97,500  
May 12-13, 2013**

### **Daniel Lowery Finall Gets His Ring**

**After fellow Arkansans earn victories, it's Lowery's turn**

**Harrah's New Orleans series crosses midway point**

**New Orleans, LA (May 13, 2013)** – Daniel Lowery has watch and witnessed several of his poker playing friends win gold rings on the WSOP Circuit. Some have even won multiple rings. While this happened, Lowery began wondering when his turn would come.

That moment took place on a Tuesday night at Harrah's New Orleans, in front of a rabid pack of his fellow grinders, many flashing their own Circuit rings. Now, Lowery can finally join the club.

The 39-year-old owner of a sawmill from Peter Pender, AR won the most recent gold ring event held at the Harrah's Casino. The sixth of 12 gold ring events attracted 325 players. The two-day \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament went ended up as the perfect stage for Lowery to win his breakthrough victory. He arrived as the final table as chip leader and was never in serious danger of elimination. First place paid \$22,912.

Lowery's tournament resume includes three WSOP Circuit final tables last season. He even enjoyed a victory on the Latin American Poker Tour, won in Mexico. However, Lowery's was eager to win a WSOP-related event and picked the perfect spot to achieve success.

Cheered to victory by several friends, who cheered and posed with the champion after his victory, Lowery noted this was one of his best moments in poker.

Mike Hochhoff finished as runner up. He's a 24-year-old poker pro who was seeking his first win, but instead settled for a second-place consolation prize.

There were other notable developments from this tournament, as well.

Two-time gold ring winner James Henson finished fifth, while another gold ringer Woody Moore took sixth.

Longtime tournament grinder Preston Derden, from Houston, came in ninth.

Other gold ring winners that cashed included Joshua Pender, “Captain” Tom Franklin, Paul Sokoloff, and Kat Bowen.

The tournament generated a prize pool totaling \$97,500. The top 30 finishers collected prize money. The final table finishers were as follows:

1	Daniel Lowery	PETER PENDER, AR	\$22,912
2	Michael Horchoff	RIVER RIDGE, LA	\$14,167
3	Thomas Tyra	BOSSIER CITY, LA	\$10,289
4	Eric Sampa	NEW YORK, NY, US	\$7,600
5	James Henson	LAKE JACKSON, TX	\$5,706
6	Charles Moore	LAS VEGAS, NV	\$4,351
7	Mark Nichols	BIRMINGHAM, AL	\$3,371
8	Davidson Matthew	LAS VEGAS, NV	\$2,650
9	Preston Derden	HOUSTON, TX	\$2,115

### **Tournament Notes**

- This was the sixth gold ring event of 12 to be held at Harrah's New Orleans.
- This is the final WSOP Circuit stop of the 2013-2014 season.
- Harrah's New Orleans has hosted all nine season-ending series stops since the WSOP Circuit began.
- The two-day tournament began with 325 players. After 14 hours of play on Day One, only 14 survivors remained.
- There were 14 players that started Day Two. It took about two hours to play down to the final table of nine.
- The final table included two gold ring winners – James Henson and Charles “Woody” Moore.
- The final table lasted about five hours and ended at 9 pm.

Daniel Lowery picked up 50 player points for his victory and is now tied for first place in the Casino Champion race. The top 18 finishers all received points.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harrah's New Orleans twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. The qualifier will join the winner of the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event (My 17-20), who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Harrah's New Orleans gold ring events only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Harrah's New Orleans runs through May, 20 2013. This is to be followed by the third annual WSOP National Championship, also to be played here in New Orleans.

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