



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana
Event 11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 308
Prize Pool: \$92,400
May 19-20, 2013**

Yes, It's Hesse!

Stephen Hesse Wins a Second Gold Ring in Event 11 at Harrah's New Orleans

Doug "Rico" Carli Cashes – All-Time Leader in WSOP Circuit History with 77

New Orleans, LA (May 20, 2013) – Stephen Hesse has just won what amounted to the final gold ring events of the 2012-2013 season.

The 25-year old poker pro won the \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament which finished on the current season's final day at Harrah's New Orleans, the last WSOP Circuit stop.

Hesse earned \$21,716 for his victory, plus the final gold ring of the Harrah's New Orleans series. This was his second win.

Hesse won his first WSOP Circuit victory in 2011 at Horseshoe Bossier City. Since then, he's cashed a total of 15 more times, with more than \$120,000 in WSOP-related earnings.

There was much added interest in this tournament than normal, due to the impact the finishers could have on the National Championship race. Since so many players were in contention for one of the \$10,000 seats in the championship which begins in a few days, players from all over the country watched the reporting in anticipation of getting one of the coveted at-large seats still up for grabs.

In fact, Joseph McKeen wrapped up his own seat, which was guaranteed by winning the Casino Champion title here at Harrah's New Orleans. Although he'd already been assured a place in the championship by winning the Caesars Atlantic City Main Event three months ago, his title win freed up an additional \$10,000 for another online qualifier.

There were other notable developments from this tournament, as well. Several gold ring winners cashed, including Jason Mayfield, Joseph McKeen, Travell Thomas, Christopher Sheffield, Doug "Rico" Carli. In fact, Carli added to his long legacy as the WSOP Circuit's most prolific casher. He's the all-time leader with 77.

The tournament generated a prize pool totaling \$92,400. The top 33 finishers collected prize money. The final table finishers were as follows:

1	Stephen Hesse	HOUSTON, TX	\$21,176
2	Jonathan Hart J	ACKSON, MS	\$13,426
3	Dmitriy Shilnikov	KATY, TX	\$9,751
4	JR Hamilton	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	\$7,203
5	Eric Weston	ST. CHARLES, MO	\$5,407
6	Jason Anderson	KENNER, LA	\$4,124
7	Jason Mayfield	CABOT, AR	\$3,194
8	David Pecaski	VANCOUVER, BC	\$2,511
9	Michael Horchoff	RIVER RIDGE, LA	\$2,004

Tournament Notes

- The two-day tournament began with 308 players. After 14 hours of play on Day One, 33 survivors remained – more than usual since the pace of play was slower than normal due to many players who were alive in the WSOP National Championship points chase.
- The final table included one gold ring winner – Jason Mayfield.
- The final table lasted about five hours and ended at midnight.

Stephen Hesse picked up 50 player points for his victory in the Casino Champion race. The top 33 finishers all received points.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Harrah's New Orleans ended on this day. This is to be followed by the third annual WSOP National Championship, also be played here in New Orleans.

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