

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Horseshoe Casino
Cincinnati, OH
Event #12
No-Limit Hold'em One-Day
Buy-In: \$300(+\$65)
Total Entries: 120
Prize Pool: \$36,000
September 30, 2013**



Andy Spears Bags Gold in Queen City

Law school graduate finds success on the felt, closes the book on his first gold ring.

Pavlin Karakikov comes up three spots shy of stealing Casino Champion honors.

Cincinnati, OH (September 30, 2013) — Andrew Spears earned his first gold ring in Horseshoe Cincinnati's final WSOP Circuit event. It took spears just nine hours to navigate through the 120-person field of the \$365 No-Limit Hold'em One-Day tournament and it awarded him \$10,801.

Spears is a 25-year-old law school graduate from Buffalo, NY. While his gold ring victory isn't unexpected, he admitted he doesn't dedicate as much time to the game as a lot of his friends.

"I have some friends that grind the Circuit and those that haven't won [a ring] will probably be pretty mad at me because I've only played a few tournaments," Spears confessed.

In reality, it might not only be his friends who are upset. Spears bested a final table that included five-time WSOP Circuit final tablist Ryan Tepen (fourth). Tepen, who is ringless, busted Day 3 of the Main Event just shy of the final table in 14th and late registered the one-day no-limit hold'em event. This marked his second heartbreak in just a few hours time.

Additionally, Bill Varga (sixth), made his second final table of the Circuit series in Cincinnati. Like Tepen, Varga is ringless.

Joining the trio in the late stages of play was Pavlin Karakikov. The final table appearance marked Karakikov's third of the series and he needed a second-place finish or better to take Casino Champion honors from Samuel Panzica. Karakikov began the finale toward the middle of the pack in chips and never got anything going. He exited fifth and came up a mere 7.5 points shy of Panzica's Casino Championship lead.

In the end, the headline belonged to Spears. His WSOP resume now boasts three WSOP Circuit cashes and eight WSOP cashes. The win marks his second Circuit final table.

