2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 10 Harrah's Resort Atlantic City, NJ Event #3 No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80) Total Entries: 192 Prize Pool: \$96,000 December 2-3, 2013



## **Brian O'Donoghue Joins Three-Ring Club**

Less than six months after carding a six-figure runner-up finish at the WSOP, New York pro O'Donoghue earns his third Circuit ring.

Atlantic City, NJ (December 3, 2013) — If there was a theme to the Event 3 final table at Harrah's Resort it would have been "Three Rings in Three Hours". That's how long it took 29-year-old New York pro Brian O'Donoghue to join the elite company of three-time Circuit winners Tuesday night in a \$580 No-Limit Hold'em event.

O'Donoghue came out on top of the 192-player field to earn \$24,597, 50 points toward the Casino Championship and, of course, his third ring.

"The other [rings] were nice. The first one's always nice and it's always nice to get a second one. Now what do I need? Four more to catch [Chris Reslock]?" the battle-tested veteran said after his win.

His candidness about the \$25,000 score might be justified given the context of his recent results. Less than six months ago he recorded a final table and six-figure runner-up finish at the WSOP. In that event, O'Donoghue bested a 2,247-player field in a \$1,500 event only to come one spot shy of an additional piece of gold jewelry. For the performance though, he went home with a \$338,745 consolation prize.

"It's been a good year," he told the WSOP with a smile.

O'Donoghue came to the final table at Harrah's Resort with the chip lead and admitted he felt confident through the duration of the finale, but one opponent stood out. Fellow two-time ring winner John Holley started the final day of play second in chips and well within reach of O'Donoghue's lead.

In a stroke of misfortune for Holley, and perhaps a stroke of fortune for O'Donoghue, Holley's pocket aces were drawn out by his opponent's pocket 10s when a 10 fell on the turn eliminating Holley third.

Prior to the Event 3 final table, Holley and O'Donoghue were fellow two-time ring winners, friends and Atlantic City housemates, but at least one of those things changed after the final