

## 2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's Rincon  
Valley Center, CA

Event #10

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$1,675

Total Entries: 330

Prize Pool: \$495,000

December 13-16, 2013



## Shahin Edalatdju Wins Harrah's Rincon Championship Main Event

Valley Center, CA (December 16, 2013) -- Iranian-born Shahin Edalatdju came to the United States 30 years ago with \$20 in his pocket. "This is the greatest country in the world," he said. "You can be anything you want." Edalatdju is now \$116,325 richer and a WSOP Circuit gold ring winner. He's a self-employed owner of two gas stations in San Diego, so he's got the flexibility to play tournament poker for three straight days.

Edalatdju and second-place finisher Steve Firestone engaged in a fierce heads-up battle that lasted nearly five hours. It was an impressive display of strategic and cautious play from both players, with neither willing to yield chips easily. Heads up play began with Firestone holding a huge lead with 5.2 million to Edalatdju's 1.4 million. He then extended it, soon out-chipping his opponent 6:1. However, Edalatdju mounted a slow and steady comeback, soon taking over the lead, and eventually getting Firestone on the ropes. Edalatdju had Firestone down to eight big blinds, but he was unable to knock him out. Firestone mounted a comeback of his own, retaking the chip lead late in the night.

On the final hand, Edalatdju was ahead with pocket 8s against Steve Firestone's A4. The board changed nothing and the stacks were close and had to be counted down. He had his opponent covered and it was over. Steve Firestone earned \$71,924 for second place.

Here's how the chips were stacked at the start of the final table on Monday:

PLAYER	CITY / STATE / COUNTRY	CHIP COUNT	SEAT
Chris DeMaci	STANTON, CA, US	1,356,000	5
Erle Mankin	SACRAMENTO, CA, US	955,000	7
Steve Firestone	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	907,000	2
Paul Sokoloff	TORONTO, ON, CA	885,000	1
Shahin Edalatdju	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	630,000	6
Robert Mather	Redding, CA, US	575,000	8
MaryAnne Madruga	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	573,000	9
Sean Burson	HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE, CA, US	371,000	4
Craig Francis	La Jolla, CA, US	353,000	3



