

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's Rincon

Valley Center, CA

Event #11

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 106

Prize Pool: \$31,800

December 15-16, 2013



Brian Strey Uses Aggression To Win First Circuit Ring

Valley Center, CA (December 16, 2013) -- Brian Strey began the final table as the chip leader and although he did not hold the lead the entire time, he had it when it counted. On the final hand, his flopped pair of Aces held up against Ron Segni's open-ended straight-draw for the win. Strey earned \$9,542 for 1st place and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring. Segni collected \$5,896 for second place.

Heads-up play began with Brian Strey holding a very slight chip lead over Ron Segni, 555k to 505k. Each time Strey made some headway against Segni, Segni would get all-in and double-up, getting back to even. Segni managed to take the chip lead away on one double-up, but then Strey shoved several hands in a row to reclaim the lead before the final hand played out.

The next-to-last ring event of the Harrah's Rincon Circuit series began on Sunday with a total of 106 runners. The prize pool of \$31,800 was distributed to the final 12 players. No women cashed in this event. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

Day 1 was "slow and steady" for Strey. He recalled a hand where he got all in with KJ and was dominated, but turned a Jack to win. That hand propelled him toward the end of the night, when he held the chip lead. The first hour of Day 2 he said he was "card dead" but then caught KK, AK suited, and from there it was "up and down".

The fourth place finisher, Kenny Morey, is Strey's cousin and they were sitting next to each other at the final table. Strey kept getting big hands under the gun when it was Morey's big blind and was getting under his skin. Strey says he's got a lot of respect for Morey, who recently finished 11th in the Legends of Poker Mega Million VII.

Strey used to be in Medial Sales, but gave that up. For now, he's just playing poker. "It's my passion" he said.

