

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Harrah's Tunica
Tunica, MS
Event #1
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 384
Prize Pool: \$115,200
January 23-24, 2014**



Mitch Franks Wins Harrah's Tunica Opener

Tupelo, MS resident bests final table in just over two hours, pockets \$25,341.

Tunica, MS (January 24, 2014) — Mitch Franks didn't play like a guy who was at a worse than two-to-one chip disadvantage at the Event 1 final table. While his 675,000-chip stack wasn't bad, it was but a blip on the radar of Andrew Galow's 1,500,000 chips.

Minutes into the final table though, chips were flying and players were hitting the rail. Many of the chips found their way into Franks' stack, and by the end of the event, all of them did.

"Early on Day 1 the cards really weren't coming but I was trying to stay consistent knowing a rush is hopefully going to come on Day 2," Franks said. "Then of course, it happened and it seemed like it crescendoed as we got to the final table."

Ultimately, he took a commanding chip lead into heads-up play and busted Galow second after just a few hands.

A hot deck paired with a cool head helped Franks en route to his first gold ring and a \$25,341 score. On top of prizes and trophies the 43-year-old Tupelo, MS resident earned 50 points toward the Casino Championship – a points race he now holds the lead in.

"It feels great to do it here in Tunica and have my boys around me and everything," Franks said of the win.

The victory came in the opening tournament of the 2013/2014 Harrah's Tunica Circuit series. This year's event marks the ninth-consecutive year for the property to host the WSOP and player reviews have been strong as ever.

"In my opinion Tunica is one of the top five stops on the Circuit from the crowd standpoints and the level of play," Franks said.

The series began yesterday at 12 p.m. with Franks' Event 1. Gold ring events run virtually non-stop between now and conclude February 3 with the Main Event final table. Notable events on the schedule are Saturday's \$365 re-entry event, a six-handed event on January 29 and a pot-limit Omaha event on January 30.

