

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Harrah's Tunica
Tunica, MS
Event #4
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 347
Prize Pool: \$104,100
January 26-27, 2014**



Robert Hankins Wins Second Ring in Tunica

Murfreesboro, TN resident bests 2012 Harvey's Lake Tahoe Main Event champion Cary Marshall to earn \$23,941.

Tunica, MS (January 27, 2014) — Robert Hankins earned a follow-up gold ring at Harrah's Tunica Monday night besting Cary Marshall in Event 4, a \$365 no-limit hold'em, tournament to earn \$23,941. Marshall, the 2013 Harvey's Lake Tahoe Main Event champion, began the second day of play with an overwhelming chip lead, but faltered heads-up against Hankins to finish second.

"I knew from the beginning I could win," Hankins said. "As long as things held up for me I knew I'd get the outcome sooner or later."

Hankins is a 33-year-old pro from Murfreesboro, TN. He earned his first gold ring almost four years ago to the day at this very venue. In those days, the Circuit featured slightly lower buy-ins and Hankins outlasted a 408-player field in a \$230 event. It may have been half a decade ago, but the memories are fresh in Hankins' mind.

"Hell yeah it feels a lot better than the first," Hankins said of his most recent win. "Two of them are hard to come by. It's been a long time coming."

Hankins was spoiled as a newcomer to the game. In 2010, the first year he decided to try to make it as a pro, he broke through for a gold ring victory. With all the confidence he could handle and the taste of victory fresh in his mouth, life was good for Hankins and winning came easy.

But it wouldn't always be that way.

He came close again, finishing fourth and seventh in Circuit events, but couldn't nab the gold ring that came so easily early in his career. Rather than get down on himself, he kept at it. Due to his family life, he wasn't able to travel as much as he wanted, but he found a balance and didn't lose sight of the goal.

Now, fast-forward four years from his gold ring victory. He's earned another one. The ring is the same, but the title is different. Rather than a newcomer who's caught a hot streak and won an event, he's a proven, battle-tested pro who's stood the test of time.

