

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit**  
**Season 10**  
**Harrah's Tunica**  
**Tunica, MS**  
**Event #6**  
**No-Limit Hold'em**  
**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**  
**Total Entries: 318**  
**Prize Pool: \$95,400**  
**January 28-29, 2014**



## **Oran Haynes Makes it Count in Event 6**

**Winner breaks through for first gold ring following five career final table appearances and two runner-up finishes, earns \$22,416.**

**Tunica, MS (January 29, 2014)** — With four previous final table berths including two runner-up finishes already under his belt, the fifth time was a charm for Oran Haynes who broke through for a gold ring at Harrah's Tunica Wednesday evening. The victory – his first on the Circuit – came in a \$365 event and earned him \$22,416 as well as 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

“I’ve gone [into the final table] with the chip lead by a tremendous amount and blew it,” Haynes said of previous performances. “To finally win one... it’s unbelievable. Of course you have to have luck go your way, and I did. It’s been a remarkable ride.”

Joining Haynes in the late stages of play was ring winner Paul “Bicycle” Sokoloff. Sokoloff proved to be a tough competitor, having previously finished third in a \$10,000 H.O.R.S.E. event at the summer Series in 2012. There, he bested the likes of Dan Kelly, Abe Mosseri, Matt Waxman, Phil Ivey and Phil Hellmuth at the final table, but couldn’t break through for gold. While the competition was less decorated at tonight’s final table, it proved to be an equally difficult task as Sokoloff finished fourth, earning \$7,436.

Haynes, a small business owner from Baton Rouge, LA who now lives in Shreveport, considers himself a semi-professional and says he spends a lot of his free time grinding cash games or following the Circuit. His game has stayed consistently sharp over the years, recording eight Circuit cashes and pocketing more than \$80,000 in career earnings since 2011.

But, as a ringless man until tonight, he admitted at some point the motivation is less cash prizes and more the priceless hardware.

“[It was more important to] get the monkey off my back,” he said of his motivation late. “Of course you’re in it for the money, but to win a ring is something special. When you win one, it’s incredible.”

Haynes received congratulations from Circuit regular like Katherine Bowen and the Harrah’s Tunica events center went up in applause when the tournament director announced his



