2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 10 Harrah's Tunica Tunica, MS Event #9 Pot-Limit Omaha Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 148 Prize Pool: \$44,400 January 30-31, 2014



Paul Goldberg Wins PLO Ring

Limit hold'em player finds luck in pot-limit Omaha, earns unexpected ring and \$12,434.

Aaron Frei finishes runner up, takes Casino Championship lead.

Tunica, MS (January 31, 2014) — An unlikely victor found his way into the winner's circle Friday night at Harrah's Tunica. Amateur Paul Goldberg of St. Louis, MO bested 148 entrants to earn his first gold ring and \$12,434 in Event 9, a \$365 pot-limit Omaha tournament.

Not only did the 56-year-old best the likes of ring winner Mark Fink (seventh) and three-time winner Phil Hui (third), but he did it in a game he admits he has little experience playing.

"I mostly play limit hold'em, believe it or not. I'm just shocked," he said after the win.

Joining Goldberg at the final table was Aaron Frei of Longmont, CO. The run marked Frei's second final table of the series and he worked his way through the throngs of players to find himself heads-up against Goldberg but at a severe chip disadvantage.

After a long-fought battle, the deficit proved too steep to overcome. The runner-up finish awarded a consolations prize 37.5 points toward the Casino Championship and he leapfrogged Charlie Dawson atop the leaderboard topping out at 75 points in the 12-day race.

Dawson, who also lays claim to two final tables at the series thus far, sits second with 62.5 points. Additionally, he advanced to Day 2 of the Main Event holding 81,000 and is alive and kicking in the finale. With three gold ring events yet to be decided, it's anyone's title in the Casino Championship race.

One notable absence from the points race will be the most recent ring winner, Goldberg. He admitted he wouldn't be chasing a berth in the season-ending event, but rather, he'd head home to watch the Super Bowl with his family. Don't mistake his lack of enthusiasm for a lack of excitement though.

"It is unbelievable. I really hardly ever play in tournaments and just decided to play in this tournament. I am shocked; amazed. I'm in disbelief. It's a great feeling," he said after the win.