2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 10 Harrah's Tunica Tunica, MS Event #10 The Main Event No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$175)

Total Entries: 577 Prize Pool: \$865,500

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Jonathan Gaviao Wins Harrah's Tunica Main Event

Gaviao pockets \$181,757 and earns a berth in the season-ending National Championship.

Tunica, MS (**February 3, 2014**) — Jonathan Gaviao earned his first gold ring along with \$181,757 in prize money in the Harrah's Tunica Main Event Monday evening. Gaviao, a 23-year-old College Station, TX resident, bested 577 entries to earn his spot among the season's Main Event winners and secure his seat in the National Championship.

"It's wonderful," he said. "It's always nice to win a ring and make a little bit of money. I couldn't ask for anything more."

The victory is just most the recent in a string of successes for the young pro. Barely two weeks ago he finished 14th in the record-breaking 1,428-entry Circuit Main Event at Choctaw Casino. He earned \$24,098 for that performance, but came up well short of the gold hardware Circuit grinders play for.

With that deep run under his belt, Gaviao made the trip to Tunica to try his luck in another Circuit finale. Late on Day 2, it appeared the trek was paying off when he picked up pocket aces to knock out two players and take a sizable chip lead. From there, he still had a long way to go, but the stars were undoubtedly aligning.

"I felt really confident when we got down to four-handed and I took over the chip lead," Gaviao said of his run. "I felt like I was playing really well. I knew that whatever happened, happened for a reason and I was alright with that. Whether I won or lost; there's more important things in life."

Gaviao rode his confidence and laid back attitude all the way to the winner's circle marking his second deep run in as many years at the Harrah's Tunica Main event.

"Everyone's got their special place and I guess Tunica is mine," Gaviao said.

Gaviao is a 23-year-old professional poker player from College Station, TX. He attended Texas A&M University but is currently on a hiatus for missionary work. The victory marks his third WSOP-related cash and moves him over \$210,000 in career earnings. In addition to some run