



2014 World Series of Poker  
Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino Las Vegas, Nevada  
Event 56: No Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$1,000  
Number of Entries: 2,525  
Total Prize Pool: \$2,272,500  
Number of Places Paid: 270  
First Place Prize: \$403,483  
June 29 – July 1, 2014

With the 2014 World Series of Poker winding down quickly, winning a bracelet when the opportunity arises is sweeter than ever. There are just a few more bracelets to be handed out this year before everyone will have to go home and wait another for a shot at the gold. Of course, Australia is always an option for more shots at bracelets, but for Mike Kachan, the time to win a bracelet was now.

Kachan saw his opportunity for a bracelet and took it by defeating Jeff Blenkarn heads up to win the last \$1,000 No Limit Hold'em event of the summer, excluding the Little One for One Drop. A staggering 2,653 players ponied up the buy-in for the tournament, all knowing time was running out. Kachan is now one of the few that can go home satisfied knowing he is a 2014 bracelet winner.

"It feels great. It was a tough ride, but it was well worth it. I am really thankful for all of the people I have behind me," Kachan said about his bracelet-winning performance.

The 30-year-old from Woodbury, Minnesota came out to Vegas to play in the Main Event and decided to hop into this event last minute. It turned out to be quite the wise decision, as he takes home \$403,483 for his victory. He is using the rest of his time here as a family vacation with his wife and 10-month-old son.

"When the tournament started, I was in northern Utah driving in and got here with 20 [big blinds]. The rest was history I guess." said Kachan.

History it was, as Kachan books a win, a bracelet and his second WSOP final table. He finished ninth in a \$1,500 Limit Hold'em shootout in 2008. Kachan hopes to ride his momentum deep into the Main Event to get what he was really here for--a Main Event bracelet. However the Main goes for Kachan though, he forever has the right to call himself a bracelet winner.

Here are the final table results from the \$1,000 No Limit Hold'em event:

1st: Mike Kachan - \$403,483  
2nd: Jeff Blenkarn - \$250,815  
3rd: Eric Shanks - \$177,527  
4th: Andrew Egan - \$128,032  
5th: Viktor Skoldstedt - \$93,490  
6th: Neo Hoang - \$69,084  
7th: Steve Gross - \$51,676  
8th: Richard Milne - \$39,109  
9th: Raymond Henson - \$29,951

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