

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #4

No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 698

Prize Pool: \$209,400

May 10-11, 2013



Austin Apicella Wins Fourth WSOP Circuit Ring

New Orleans, LA (May 11, 2014) -- "It feels great!" Austin Apicella said after winning his fourth WSOP Circuit Ring. The \$42,933 in first-place prize money feels pretty good, too. He had a large and supportive crowd on the rail, including fellow four-time ring winner Phillip Hui, who just picked up #4 last month.

Apicella is a professional poker player who picked up ring #3 late last year in Lake Tahoe. Since then, he's been playing mostly online. "It's nice...going into Vegas this summer, I get to pretty much play any events I want."

When the final table formed, he was second in chips with 950,000 behind Ricky Marks, who had more than 2.3 million. The key hand came with three players left. Apicella was all-in on the turn for over 2.4 million with top pair against Marks' flush and straight draws. He somehow faded all his opponent's outs, doubling up to take a huge chip lead. Marks was left short-stacked and busted out soon after in 3rd place.

The heads-up match against Rueben Flores only lasted five minutes. Apicella had a 3.8:1 chip lead going in. On the final hand, Flores got all-in with Queen-high against Apicella's King-high. Neither hand improved and King-high was good for the win. Flores earned \$26,562 for second place in his first reported WSOP cash of any kind.

This event had two starting flights, both on Saturday, May 10th. Flight A launched at 12pm and Flight B took off at 5pm. Players who busted out were able to re-enter for the first two hours of each flight (maximum two entries per flight per player). When the numbers were tallied, there were a total of 698 entries for a total prize pool of \$209,400. The final 72 players earned a piece of the pie.

89 players survived the two starting flights and returned for Day 2 at noon on Sunday, May 11th. It was almost 9 hours later when they reached the final table. Erica 'Slammer' Sumner was the first woman to make a final table during this series, finishing 6th. This is her second cash of this series -- she finished 11th in Event 2. Mihail Karasoulis was the chip leader coming into Day 2. He busted out in 32nd place (\$980).

"Tell'em how lucky I got," Apicella said, as he went on to describe catching a 3-outer earlier in the day. He was the only player at this final table with any WSOP hardware and he now joins the elite brotherhood of players with four rings, including David Nicholson, who just won his fourth ring yesterday in Event 3.

