2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 10 Harrah's New Orleans New Orleans, LA Event #6 No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$365 Total Entries: 272 Prize Pool: \$81,600

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## **Justin Booth Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring**

**New Orleans, LA (May 13, 2014)** -- "Breathtaking" was how Justin Booth described winning his first WSOP Circuit ring. In addition to the gold, he'll collect \$19,586 for first place.

On the final hand, Booth was ahead with a pocket pair, but had to sweat an overcard and flush draw. When David Shober whiffed all his outs, Booth said, "I'm glad to finally have that monkey off my back".

This is his first win in a major event. The 28-year-old has been playing poker professionally for about seven years. He caught the poker bug playing in a bar tournament and continued to play while in college and working as a carpet cleaner.

David Shober was the chip leader at the start of Day 2 and when they reached the final table 13 minutes later, but when Brandon Rich busted out in 3rd place, Shober was trailing Booth slightly, about 1.2 million to 1.5 million. Shober, who is a Financial Planner from Silver Spring, MD, collected \$12,103 for second place.

Carol Hackbarth was the last woman remaining in this event and she busted out just before the end of level 24. Her 4th place finish was good for \$6,479.

The only WSOP Circuit ring holder at this final table, Tim West, busted out in 5th place. He also picked up 25 points for a total of 145 points on the National Leaderboard. That puts him in 40th place and in range to possibly qualify for an at-large seat in the National Championship.

This event drew 272 players for a total prize pool of \$81,600. That amount was shared among the final 30 players. The final table was longer than average, taking nearly seven hours to complete.

David Nicholson, who won his 4th Circuit ring a couple of days ago in Event 3, finished in 11th place (\$1,455) for his third cash of this series. The points he earned put him back on the top of the Casino Champion race with 70 points.

Before we could start the post-game interview, Justin Booth had to call his grandmother to let her know he won. He said, "Love you and thank you!" to his grandma and "#1 Thanks to God". He's expecting his first child, a girl, next month and says, "she will not know how to play any kind of poker". He'll be playing the rest of this series here in New Orleans and then after taking a couple of weeks off, plans to head to Las Vegas for the WSOP.