

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Event #11

No Limit Hold'em Main Event Championship

Buy-In: \$1,675

Total Entries: 557

Prize Pool: \$835,500

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Bryan Campanello Wins The Harrah's New Orleans Main Event

WSOP Bracelet Holder Adds Third Circuit Ring to Poker Resume

New Orleans, LA (May 19, 2014) -- After winning his third ring in the Harrah's New Orleans Main Event, Bryan Campanello said, "It feels good! I'm tired...we played heads-up for, like, four hours, a really long time. Winning these mains is insane. There's so many people, 557 entrants here. I had a chance at Choctaw to do it a year and a half ago...to get the opportunity to finally close the deal and sneak my way into the National Championship as, literally, the last person in, feels pretty awesome to manage to do that. Sometimes things just fall your way and this week they happened to do that, so it's really cool."

After a roller-coaster heads up match, Bryan Campanello was crowned the victor in the 2013/2014 World Series of Poker Harrah's New Orleans Circuit Main Event. For his championship win, Campanello was awarded his third gold Circuit ring, a seat to this week's National Championship, and \$175,459 in first-place prize money.

Despite beginning heads up play against Gary Friedlander with a slight chip advantage, Campanello was unable to gain any ground early. Things looked bleak for a moment, then Campanello found a double up and battled on. The chip lead changed hands several times over the course of the roughly four-hour heads up match with Campanello all in and at risk for his tournament life three separate times. The third time was the charm, however, as from there he was able chip away at Friedlander's remaining stack. On the final hand, Campanello's pocket Queens held up against Friedlander's Queen-Jack after a pre-flop all in. Friedlander collected \$108,523 for second place.

The final day began with 10 players returning for the unofficial final table of the Main Event. John Parten became the final table bubble boy when he fell by Campanello's hand on just the second hand of the day. From there, the official final table of nine was set. Thanks to Parten's early elimination, start-of-day short stack Fadi Massaad earned himself a pay jump. Despite a double up in the first orbit, Massaad could not gain any further footing and was eliminated in ninth place.

Agustin Berumen was the next player to fall. Berumen got the last of his money in with pocket fours against The Lodge Casino Main Event champion Eric Blair's pocket tens. The tens held through the community cards and Berumen made his way toward the rail. The eliminations continued at a rapid pace after that with James Henson falling in seventh place and John Kloch in sixth.

