

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Harrah's Resort Southern California

Event #10

Main Event

Buy-In: \$1,675

Total Entries: 238

Total Prize Pool: \$424,500

December 12-14, 2014

Sean Yu Wins Circuit Main Event at Harrah's Southern California

San Diego (December 15, 2014) – In one of the fastest Main Events in recent memory on the World Series of Poker Circuit, Sean Yu emerged victorious to earn his first Circuit ring and a first-place prize of \$101,881.

The Main Event played out so quickly that the tournament ended a night early. There were still three players left Sunday night when the tournament reached the point when play was scheduled to stop until Monday (Neil Scott – 3rd Place, Dan Stir – 2nd Place, and Yu). The tournament director gave players the option of playing two more levels, and before the extra levels had concluded, Yu held all the chips.

If the entire tournament were quick, the last two tables were especially so. It was a wild affair that saw a player lay down the second-nuts in a 100-big blind pot (his opponent then showed a weaker hand), and frequent all-in bets that resulted in big pots and frequent bustouts. Yu eventually eliminated his last two opponents by cracking pocket kings both times. He held pocket tens against Neil Scott's kings and made a full house. And against Stir, he flopped a pair, they got all their chips in the middle, and Yu rivered trips to win it all.

Yu is a professional poker player who recently started specializing in tournaments, a decision that is obviously paying dividends for him. "I play mostly tournaments," he said after his victory. "I used to play cash for many years, and started playing tournaments only at the beginning of this year. This year's been phenomenal." He went on to say this was his second big score of 2014, so it looks like tournament poker is treating him well. This is Yu's first ring, and he said he plans on playing more on the Circuit. "It feels good," he said of the ring.

Along with the ring and his earnings, Yu also receives a free entry into the 2015 National Championship. He's not the only member of this final table who will be there. Tavish Margers, who was eliminated in 6th place, won Casino Champion honors at Harrah's Southern California. He won a ring in a preliminary event, and had one more cash in addition to the Main Event for 95 points. His performance today pushes him ahead of Vincent Moscati, who had been in the lead for most of this Circuit stop.

The tournament field was relatively small with 283 entries, but it was littered with well-known pros and other accomplished players. Three WSOP bracelet winners made the money. Brandon Paster made the final table and finished in 9th place. Jordan Morgan finished in 29th, and Eric Baldwin finished in 30th. Baldwin went on an impressive late run to make the money. He busted out late on Day 1B, went to the bar and got himself a glass of wine, then re-entered the tournament and tripled his starting stack before the end of the night. Bracelet winners Josh Pollock, Brent

Hanks, Robert Cheung, and Howard “Tahoe” Andrew were also in the tournament. Pollock advanced to Day 2, but was eliminated before the money.

Former November Niner Soi Nguyen was in the field as well. He finished in 24th. Bernard Lee, also famous for a deep WSOP Main Event run, made Day 2 and finished 26th. David “Bakes” Baker, Josh Hale, eight-time ring winner Alex Masek, five-time ring winner Val Vornicu, five-time National Championship qualifier Charles “Woody” Moore, and Rex Clinkscales entered the event, but did not cash.

The 283 entries generated a prize pool of \$424,500. The top 30 places were paid.

Full results from the event are available on WSOP.com.

The Main Event (officially listed as Event #10) attracted 283 entries. Play began on Friday at noon and concluded late Sunday night at about 1:30 a.m. The total prize pool came to \$424,500. The top 30 finishers were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points – used to potentially qualify for a seat in the season-ending championship, to be played in Las Vegas.

Here are the players at the official nine-handed final table.

SEAT 1: Brandon Paster
SEAT 2: David Powers
SEAT 3: Sean Yu
SEAT 4: Tavish Margers
SEAT 5: Jacob Gruny
SEAT 6: John Cynn
SEAT 7: Neil Scott
SEAT 8: Gary Sewell
SEAT 9: Dan Stir

About the Final Table:

1st: Sean Yu - \$101,881
Previous Circuit Earnings: \$2,077

2nd: Dan Stir - \$62,962
Previous Circuit Earnings: \$31,703

3rd: Neil Scott - \$45,685
Previous Circuit Earnings: \$15,279

4th: David Powers - \$33,705
Previous Circuit Earnings: \$3,086

5th: Jacob Gruny - \$35,279
Previous Circuit Earnings: \$0

6th: Tavish Margers - \$19,264
Previous Circuit Earnings: \$16,163

7th: John Cynn - \$14,908
Previous Circuit Earnings: \$8,502

8th: Gary Sewell - \$11,716
Previous Circuit Earnings: \$0

9th: Brandon Paster - \$9,347
Previous Circuit Earnings: \$606

Here's the final list of winners from all the gold ring events played at the Harrah's Southern California WSOP Circuit stop:

EVENT #1: Vincent Moscatti defeated 183 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$14,275.
EVENT #2: Raad Farida defeated 135 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em – 1 Day) for \$11,341.
EVENT #3: Scott Stewart defeated 526 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$33,926.
EVENT #4: Jason Wortham defeated 106 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$9,542.
EVENT #5: Tavish Margers defeated 113 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$10,172.
EVENT #6: Nyle Rock defeated 135 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed) for \$11,543.
EVENT #7: Steve Forman defeated 73 players (\$365 Pot-Limit Omaha) for \$7,446.
EVENT #8: Slade Crooks defeated 138 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$11,589.
EVENT #9: Rohan Jain defeated 128 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$17,919.
EVENT #10: Sean Yu defeated 283 entries (\$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event) for \$101,811.
EVENT #11: Mike Sims defeated 95 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$8,551.
EVENT #12: Conrad Monica defeated 99 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em – 1 Day) for \$8,911.

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