

**2016-17 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa
Tulsa, Okla.
Event #10
Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 188
Prize Pool: \$56,400
March 25-26, 2017**



Mike Cordell Wins PLO Event at Hard Rock Tulsa

Cordell wins his second WSOP Circuit ring less than a year after winning his first bracelet.

Tulsa, Okla. (27 March 2017) — Mike Cordell is in the midst of an amazing run of success in World Series of Poker tournaments. He won his first WSOP bracelet last June, and has now added his second career WSOP Circuit ring by winning the pot-limit Omaha event at the Hard Rock Tulsa. He earns \$14,661 for the victory.

Cordell's streak is even more impressive considering he has just returned from an extended hiatus from tournament poker. After his father passed away in 2010, Cordell became caretaker for his mother, who was blind. And of course, he traveled for poker very little. She passed away last spring and just a few weeks later Cordell won his WSOP bracelet.

He attributes his quick transition back into the tournament poker world to the fact that he's been playing the game for most of his life. "I have a lot of experience," he said after the event. "Even though I was off, I still was playing home games and such. And I've been playing since I was about 19 years old, so for about 27 years."

Cordell's strategy for the final table boiled down to two points: patience and timing. "The thing about PLO tournaments is you just have to be patient," he said "Maybe take some flops and hopefully flop big. When I got heads up, I ramped in up a little bit and applied a little more pressure. But mostly, that was just my plan, just to stay patient so I could get in cheap and see a flop."

Cordell won his first Circuit ring in 2008, a few years before he took time away from tournament poker. And if the past year since he's returned is any indication, he won't have to wait another nine years for the next one.

Event #10 was the 9th event to play to completion at the WSOP Circuit at the Hard Rock Tulsa. The \$365 pot-limit Omaha event drew a field of 188 players, generating a prizepool worth \$56,400. The final 21 players finished in the money. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The tournament began at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. There were 17 players who advanced to Day 2, which began at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, and the final hand was dealt at about 7:00 p.m.

After this event, Joshua Evans retains his lead in the Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points during the 12 ring events at the Hard Rock Tulsa earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large bids. Evans now has 115 points from three final-table performances, including one ring victory. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here are the winners so far at the Hard Rock:

- EVENT #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack – Jerry Rushing bested a field of 544 players for \$34,280.
 - EVENT #2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight – Will Joyner bested a field of 1,484 players for \$90,112.
 - EVENT #3: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) – Joshua Turner bested a field of 283 players for \$20,374.
 - EVENT #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Freezeout – William “Jeter” Brock bested a field of 187 players for \$14,586.
 - EVENT #5: \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better – Matt Lansdon bested a field of 145 players for \$12,181.
 - EVENT #6: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em – Mike Klatt bested a field of 248 players for \$18,229.
 - EVENT #7: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed – Kevin Rund bested a field of 314 players for \$23,550.
 - EVENT #8: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em – Salvatore DiCarlo bested a field of 236 players for \$29,502.
 - EVENT #9: \$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event – Will Berry bested a field of 574 players for \$180,806.
 - EVENT #10: \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha – Mike Cordell bested a field of 188 players for \$14,661.
 - EVENT #11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) – Christopher Staats bested a field of 216 for \$16,201.
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All rings at the Hard Rock Tulsa are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-17 WSOP Circuit season.

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