

## **2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 13**

**Harrah's New Orleans**

**New Orleans, La.**

**Event #6**

**No-Limit Hold'em Six-Max**

**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**

**Total Entries: 339**

**Prize Pool: \$101,700**

**May 15-16, 2017**



## **Steve Dees Wins Six-Max in NOLA, Second Gold Ring**

**Budding Ohio pro scores a big boost to his confidence, bankroll**

**NEW ORLEANS, La. (May 20, 2017)** — Steve Dees is the newest two-time winner on the World Series of Poker Circuit. Dees outlasted a field of 339 entries in the \$365 six-max event at Harrah's New Orleans, winning his second gold ring and the top prize of \$25,423. He also collected 50 points in the race for Casino Champion at this venue and in the season-long race for seats in the Global Casino Championship.

“Oh my gosh!” Dees was at a loss for words as his postgame interviews began. “Man... golly... I’m just feeling so thankful. I’m thankful to be able to even do this. It’s humbling.”

Dees is a 29-year-old professional poker player from Dayton, Ohio. He's been living in Charlotte, North Carolina for the past few years, but there's still no place like home. “My heart is in Ohio,” he said. “Dayton is home. Even when you get away, you still find your roots.”

Late in 2015, Dees gave up his career in import/export logistics to take a shot at playing the game full-time. A few months later, he took down the Monster Stack at Harrah's Atlantic City, affirming his decision with a gold ring and a \$20k score.

After being forced to take a step back from the game in the time since, Dees appears to be back in business. “I experienced a little pitfall over the last year or so and had to stop traveling,” he said. “So to get back on the Circuit — this is so validating.”

Although new to the area, Dees has already embedded himself in the Charlotte poker community, and he credits that group for helping keep his game sharp. “Man, just the support; everybody showered down congrats at me,” he said. “I feel like I’m an extremely good player, but only because I’ve been surrounded by other good players.”

The run to this victory was a difficult one for the new two-time winner. He entered the final table as one of the shorter stacks, but he eventually picked his way into a heads-up match against fellow ring winner Jason Maeroff. At one point early in the duel, Dees was flipping for his tournament life with ace-queen

