



**2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Harrah's Atlantic City  
Event #6  
Six-Handed No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$300 (+45)  
Total Entries: 428  
Total Prize Pool: \$124,548  
December 7-8, 2011**

**Official Final Results:**

1	Jeremy Burleson	STANLEY, NC, US	\$28,646
2	Jamie Kerstetter	Monroe, NJ, US	\$17,813
3	Gregory Joslyn	MIDDLETOWN, NY, US	\$12,604
4	Chinmay Patel	BRIGANTINE, NJ, US	\$8,924
5	Roman Valerstein	NEWTOWN, PA, US	\$6,410
6	Daniel Iscovici	STATEN ISLAND, NY, US	\$4,649
7	Mike Summers	CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, US	\$3,406
8	Jackson Kimball	Clarkston, MI, US	\$3,406
9	Ali Kalid	ATLANTIC CITY, NJ, US	\$2,522
10	Dennis Peralta	Woodhaven, NY, US	\$2,522
11	Robert Hill	Dillsburg, PA, US	\$1,886
12	Joshua Shmerl	WAUCONDA, IL, US	\$1,886
13	John Degeorge	TOMS RIVER, NJ, US	\$1,424
14	Robert Brigante	VALLEY STREAM, NY, US	\$1,424
15	Steven Tabb	NEWTON, MA, US	\$1,424
16	Jimmy Nunez	WINTHORP, MA, US	\$1,424
17	Vincent Valenti	Brooklyn, NY, US	\$1,424
18	Jim Pei	College Park, MD, US	\$1,424
19	Travis Chapman	Columbus, OH, US	\$1,086
20	Cristian Karshan	Hillsdale, IN, US	\$1,086
21	Michael Foster	CHICAGO, IL, US	\$1,086
22	Alex Plotkin	NANUET, NY, US	\$1,086
23	John Scavo	YARDLEY, PA, US	\$1,086
24	Drazen Ilich	LINCOLN, NE, US	\$1,086
25	Travis Evans	SPRINGFIELD, VA, US	\$832
26	Alex Maturi	OAK PARK, IL, US	\$832
27	Albert Riccobono	OSSINING, NY, US	\$832
28	Joseph Marchand	Hudson, NC, US	\$832
29	Michael Woll	MANAHAWKIN, NJ, US	\$832
30	Michael Brownbridge	New Brunswick, NJ, US	\$832
31	Michael Frazin	DEERFIELD, IL, US	\$649
32	Laura Church	Wyckoff, NJ, US	\$649
33	Steven Kobitz	EAST HANOVER, NJ, US	\$649
34	Peter Sullivan	ROSCOE, IL, US	\$649
35	Anthony Maio	New Hope, PA, US	\$649
36	Christopher Parsons	CHAPMANVILLE, WV, US	\$649
37	Dylan Gang	New York, NY, US	\$515

38	Brian Horowitz	Hoboken, NJ, US	\$515
39	John Rothe	West Hempstead, NY, US	\$515
40	Theodore Forbes	West Haven, CT, US	\$515
41	Thomas Desimone	Sewell, NJ, US	\$515
42	Scott Carpenter	FAIRFAX STATION, VA, US	\$515
43	Mark Maletic	CANTON, MI, US	\$473
44	Christopher Kennedy	HARRISBURG, PA, US	\$473
45	Kyle Vanjahnke	Northport, NY, US	\$473
46	Stephen Morgan	NEW ALBANY, IN, US	\$473
47	Cuong Phung	Atlantic City, NJ, US	\$473
48	Christopher Yi	Philadelphia, PA, US	\$473

## Jeremy Burleson Wins Six-Handed Max

### North Carolina Poker Pro Collects \$28,646 for First Place

### Halftime Score: Jeffrey Gurfinkel Still the A.C. Leader in National Championship Ranking Points

### WSOP Circuit at Harrah's Atlantic City Reaches Midway Point -- Runs through December 12<sup>th</sup>

**Atlantic City, NJ (December 8, 2011)** – The World Series of Poker Circuit Atlantic City, which the midway point of the two-week long tournament series. The sixth event of 12 scheduled gold ring tournaments ended with another first-time winner.

The latest tournament champion was Jeremy Burleson, from Charlotte, NC. He is a full-time poker pro who has been playing for the past six years. Burleson mostly played online, at least until the events of last spring, when he was forced to start playing more live cash games and tournaments.

Vjku"y cu"Dwtnguqpøu"vjktf"vtr"vq"Cvncpvke"Ekv{"cpf"cu"vjg"uc{kpi"i qgu"ó the third time turned out to be a charm. He won his first live major tournament and collected \$28,646 in prize money. He was also presented with his first WSOP Circuit gold ring, given out by John Arthur ó Poker Director for Jcttcjøu" Atlantic City.

Burleson is relatively new to the WSOP Circuit. He has played the last two years at the WSOP in Las Vegas. But this marks new territory for the 28-year-old pro.

Burleson overcame a sizable field of 428 players and managed to outlast three former WSOP Circuit gold ring winners at the final table. But his toughest opponent proved to be Jamie Kerstetter, a tax attorney and part-time poker player from Monroe, NJ. Kerstetter finished as the runner up and in doing so became the highest female finisher ever for an open gold ring event in Atlantic City.

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The 428-player field was a huge turnout for a six-max tournament. The five previous tournaments attracted 704, 888, 288, 555, and 340 players respectively. But no one could have expected such a large field for a shorter-handed competition, played during the middle of the week. Based on these solid numbers, one can expect large field and big prize pools for the remainder of the WSOP Circuit schedule.

Jcttcjøu"Cvntic City has a rich history hosting WSOP Circuit events. In fact, it was the very first casino ever to host such a tournament, which occurred back in January 2005, during the Ektewkvøu inaugural ugcup0""Ukpeg"vjgp." Jcttcjøu"Cvncpvke"Ekv{"jcu"dggp"cu"uvcrng"qp"vjg"pcvkqpcn"vqwt."jcxkpi"jqvvgf"cu"

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Final table action was streamed on WSOP.com. As is the case with all gold ring event final tables, there is a five-minute delay. Poker fans may tune in and watch the action daily, which normally begins late in the afternoon and runs most of the evening.

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Event #6 was a two-day \$300 (+45) Six-Handed No-Nk o kv" J qnf øg o "vqwtpc o gpv0"" Rnc{ began on Wednesday at noon and ended late on Thursday night. The total prize pool came to \$124,548. The top 48 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points ó used to qualify for a seat in the season-ending championship freeroll to be played later in Las Vegas.

A full list of all players who cashed in Event #6 can be seen at WSOP.COM

During the first playing session, more than ninety percent of players were eliminated. There were only 19 survivors who resumed action on the second day, which then played down to the final table. After another three hours of play, the seven finalists were determined as follows:

**SEAT 1: Mike Summers (Charlottesville, VA) – 367,000 in chips**

**SEAT 2: Jamie Kerstetter (Monroe, NJ) – 968,000 in chips**

**SEAT 3: Jeremy Burleson (Charlotte, NC) – 554,000 in chips**

**SEAT 4: Danny Iscovici (Staten Island, NY) – 109,000 in chips**

**SEAT 5: Chinmay Patel (Brigantine, NJ) – 1,200,000 in chips**

**SEAT 6: Roman Valerstein (Newtown, PA) – 950,000 in chips**

**SEAT 7: Greg Joslyn (Middletown, NY) – 234,000 in chips**

The final table began seven-handed and was a clear division of haves versus have-nots. Three players ó Chimnay Patel, Jamie Kerstetter, and Roman Valerstein -- hovered close to the million-chip mark. The remaining four players all had 554,000 or less when the first hand was dealt.

The finale also featured three former WSOP Circuit gold ring winners ó Mike Summers, Roman Valerstein, and Greg Joslyn. Both players were shooting for their second career victories, while the other maidens were looking for their first win.

Final table play began at 5:30 pm local time. Play finished at 1:00 am, making the total duration about 7.5 hours ó longer than many were expecting for the six-max finale.

**7<sup>th</sup> Place** – About one hour into play, Mike Summers took a horrible beat and went out in seventh place. He was dealt pocket aces, which were cracked by pocket tens when a ten flopped. Summers, who won a WSOP Circuit gold ring held last Spring at Caesars Atlantic City, collected \$3,406 in prize money and left the table with a bad beat story. Summers, from Charlottesville, VA now has nine WSOP Circuit cashes on his record ó all of which have taken place at the two events held each year in Atlantic City.

**6<sup>th</sup> Place** – Danny Iscovici, a retired police officer from Staten Island, NY was furloughed from the final table during the third hour of play. After a seemingly endless back and forth battle between the final six, it took nearly 50 hands to break the next player. Iscovisi ended up with \$4,649 in prize money. This was his second time to cash in a WSOP Circuit event

**5<sup>th</sup> Place** – Entering the fourth hour of play, the next player was eliminated when Roman Valerstein finally hit the rail. The Moldovan-born poker pro now living in Newtown, PA won the Turbo event two years ago at Caesars Atlantic City. He played tough but came up short this time, ultimately settling for \$6,410 in prize money.

**4<sup>th</sup> Place** – Chinmay Patel hoped to win his first gold ring and was on pace to accomplish the task. But he went card dead late in the tournament and ended up in fourth place. Patel, primarily a cash game player in Atlantic City, collected \$8,924 in his best WSOP-related finish.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Greg Joslyn, from Middletown, NY was the third-place finisher. He won a gold ring at the WSOP Circuit stop held at Southern Indiana, but could not repeat here. Joslyn made strong run at the final table and ended up with a payout totaling \$12,604.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Jamie Kerstetter, a tax attorney from Monroe, NJ finished as the runner up. She had two previous impressive finishes including a final table at the Mohegan Sun championship as well as an in-the-o-qpg{"hkpkuj"cv"vjkku"{gctøu"YUQR"Ockp"Gxgpv0""Mgtuvgvvt"tgegkxgf"pkeg"eqpuqncvkqn prize totaling \$17,813 for this performance which was her third cash at this series. But she had higher aspirations and nearly became Cvnpcvke"Ekv{øu"hktuv"YUQR"Ektewkv"ejc o rkqp"\*hqt"cp"qrgp"gxgpv+0""

When heads-up play began, Burlson enjoyed about a 5 to 1 chip advantage over Kerstetter. The duel lasted about 90 minutes. Kerstetter managed to double up early in the duel, but suffered some bad luck on the final hand. The last hand of the tournament was dealt as follows:

Burlson: 7d 4d  
Kerstetter: Qs Tc  
Flop: Td Th 6d  
Turn: 3s  
River: 2d

The pivotal moment came on the turn when Kerstetter bet about half of her stack with trip tens. Burlson thought long and hard for several minutes and finally called. He has his opponent covered by about 3 to 1. Burlson was on a flush and inside-straight draw. The river brought a third diamond, completing a flush for Burlson. Kerstetter could not have liked the final card, but moved all in and ended up with a tough beat on what turned out to be her final hand of trip tens losing to a flush.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Jeremy Burlson, from Charlotte, NC won his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring. He collected \$28,646.

With his victory, Burlson joins the five previous winners as the leaders in this WSOP Circuit All-Ctqwpf"Rnc{gtö standings. Two players of Jeffrey Gurfinkel and Richard Smith appear to be the players to beat at this point, each with two deep runs.

The player who accumulates the most qxgctm"rqpvu"kp"Cvnpcvke"Ekv{øu twelve combined gold ring tournaments receives a pre-paid entry into the \$1 million 2011-2012 WSOP Circuit National Championship, to be held in Las Vegas, next May. At least two players from this tournament series will qualify for the WSOP Circuit National Championship, which is classified as a WSOP gold bracelet event. The other automatic qualifier yknn"dg"vjg"ykppgt"qh"Jcttcjøu"Cvnpcvke"Ekv{øu"Main Event championship.

With the sixth tournament wrapped up, there are still ten more gold ring events remaining in what is being binnfg"cu"c"õ34"tkpiu"kp"34"fc{uö"rqmgt"ugtkgu. The WSOP Ektewkv"cv"Jcttcjøu"Cvnpcvke"Ekv{ continues through December 12<sup>th</sup>. This {gctøu"uejgfwng"kpenwfgu"pqv"qpn{"all the gold ring events, but multiple second-chance tournaments (at 5 pm and 7 pm most days), single table and mega satellites, plus cash games going around"vjg"enqem"kpukfg"vjg"Jcttcjøu Poker Room.

**WSOP Circuit Gold Ring Winners at Harrah's Atlantic City:**

**Event 1: Richard Smith (Warrenton, VA) defeated 704 players and won \$41,995**  
**Event 2: Jeffrey Gurfinkel (Brooklyn, NY) defeated 888 players and won \$50,446**  
**Event 3: Michael Linster (Levittown, NY) defeated 288 players and won \$35,529**  
**Event 4: Jeffrey Manns (Philadelphia, PA) defeated 555 players and won \$33,922**  
**Event 5: Peter Ippolito (East Meadow, NY) defeated 370 players and won \$37,926**  
**Event 6: Jeremy Burleson (Charlotte, NC) defeated 428 players and won \$28,646**

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