



**2011/2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Harrah's Atlantic City
Event #12
Turbo -- No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+45)
Total Entries: 281
Total Prize Pool: \$81,771
December 12, 2011**

Official Final Results:

1	Matthew Colvin	DALLAS, TX, US	\$19,625
2	Vladislav Enkishev	Fort Lee, NJ, US	\$12,128
3	Brad Stager	WAYNE, NJ, US	\$8,800
4	Mark Swain	Durham, NC, US	\$6,493
5	Roland Israelashvili	FOREST HILLS, NY, US	\$4,869
6	Joseph Phelps	WATERFORD, CT, US	\$3,711
7	Edwin Lopez	Timonium, MD, US	\$2,872
8	Foster Haines	Lock Haven, PA, US	\$2,257
9	Paul Mullins	ROCKVILLE, MD, US	\$1,801
10	Robert Parker	STATEN ISLAND, NY, US	\$1,458
11	Robert Scott Pendergrast	CHATHAM, NJ, US	\$1,458
12	Christopher Polson	GLEN ALLEN, VA, US	\$1,458
13	Matthew Chang	ROCKVILLE, MD, US	\$1,198
14	Keith Donovan	NEW MILFORD, NJ, US	\$1,198
15	Carmen Serignese	Parlin, NJ, US	\$1,198
16	James Kanz	Atco, NJ, US	\$998
17	Jerry Jarrett	MARBLEHILL, MO, US	\$998
18	Jeff Joseph	AMHERST, NY, US	\$998
19	Ken Taffaro	Mooreville, NC, US	\$844
20	Ryan Chapman	Germantown, MD, US	\$844
21	Kevin Mason	WEST NEW YORK, NJ, US	\$844
22	Kevin Crombie	STATEN ISLAND, NY, US	\$724
23	James Governa	Richboro, PA, US	\$724
24	Michael Brownbridge	New Brunswick, NJ, US	\$424
25	Nicholas Blumenthal	New York, NY, US	\$629
26	Mikhail Sher	Philadelphia, PA, US	\$629
27	Daniel Dollbaum	KEARNEY, NJ, US	\$629
28	Alexandru Masek	SAN DIEGO, CA, US	\$554
29	Sheree Bykofsky	NEW YORK, NY, US	\$554
30	Joseph Isabella	Ocean City, NJ, US	\$554

Matthew Colvin Wins Final Event at Harrah's Atlantic City

Turbo Closer Draws Another Sizable Field – Overall Attendance Up Over Last Year

Hao Le, Main Event Runner Up, Wins “Best All Around Player” Race in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (December 12, 2011) – The World Series of Poker Circuit came to a thrilling conclusion on Monday night at the Harrah’s Resort in Atlantic City.

Several hours before Event #12 ended, Tuan Phan won the biggest WSOP Circuit Main Event Championship ever held on the Jersey Shore. He overcame a big field of 618 entrants, which was the largest turnout of any Main Event held during the eight seasons the WSOP Circuit has been played Atlantic City. For his victory, Phan collected \$188,830 in prize money.

When the clock struck midnight, no one expected the final event – a Turbo No-Limit Hold’em tournament -- to last another five hours. Despite the accelerated structure (ala “Turbo”), the final table lasted an unusually long five hours. The final tournament of 12 on the schedule was completed when Matthew Colvin won the \$345 buy-in one-day competition – that essentially became a two-day affair. He collected \$19,625 for first place, plus his first WSOP Circuit gold ring. Colvin lives in Dallas and travels around the country playing in many WSOP Circuit events.

The last event wraps up a hugely successful run of tournaments here in Atlantic City over the past two weeks. Overall attendance and prize money were both up over last year. Three tournaments attracted in excess of 500 players.

Aside from Phan winning the Main Event, some of the other stars of this year’s Harrah’s Atlantic City series included:

Jamie Kerstetter cashing five times -- including her two final table appearances and an in-the-money finish in the Main Event Championship. The tax attorney and part-time poker pro from Monroe, NJ solidified her status as one of the Northeast’s top female players at the moment, with multiple impressive performances.

Doug “Rico” Carli cashed just once at this series (finishing 35th in Event #4), but nonetheless added to his legacy as the player with the most WSOP Circuit cashes in history. Carli now has 53 in-the-money finishes, the most of any player for all eight seasons combined, by far.

Mark “Pegasus” Smith’s made a deep run in Event #11 and came close to winning a record sixth WSOP Circuit gold ring in one of the last events, but finished seventh. He still has five gold rings, more than any player in history.

Manh Nguyen’s phenomenal year in WSOP Circuit events played in Atlantic City. Nguyen, from Pittsburgh, PA played at the WSOP Circuit for the first time last spring. He finished first and second in two events. Nguyen returned to the final table of the Harrah’s Main Event Championship, ultimately finishing in fifth place.

Jeffrey Gurfinkel, with first- and sixth-place finishes, was on par to win the “Best All Around Player” title for Atlantic City. But Hao Le’s runner up finish in the Main Event gave him a second and third place showings, which barely eclipsed Gurfinkel – who outlasted 887 players in one event and 423 players in the other.

Harrah’s Atlantic 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 Circuit’s inaugural season. Since then, Harrah’s Atlantic City has been an anchor on the national tour, having hosted a tournament series during each and every season. During most years, Harrah’s has been the final event of the year, with its events usually taking place in December. It’s one of only four Caesars properties to host a WSOP Circuit stop during all eight seasons – the other casinos being Harrah’s Rincon (San Diego),

Harrah's New Orleans, and Harvey's Lake Tahoe. Indeed, Harrah's Atlantic City has established itself as a flagship stop, and this year was no exception based on the heavier than expected turnout for many events.

Perhaps fittingly, the top two finishers from the Main Event Championship automatically qualified for seats in the WSOP Circuit National Championship, which is classified as a WSOP gold bracelet event. Tuan Phan won his seat via the Main Event Championship, which is an automatic bid. Runner up Hoa Le won his seat by edging out several other players (most notably Jeffrey Gurfinkel) in the point standings.

The next WSOP Circuit stop will be played at the Bicycle Club Casino, in Bell Gardens, CA. This marks the first time ever that a WSOP-related tournament will be played in the Los Angeles area. The 12 gold ring tournaments will be played January 1-12, 2012.

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**
- Event 7: Ryan Hall (Newark, DE) defeated 292 players and won \$33,989**
- Event 8: M. Rosenberg (Atlantic City, NJ) defeated 187 players and won \$14,148**
- Event 9: Richard Ward (Max Meadows, VA) defeated 195 players and won \$49,178**
- Event 10: Tuan Phan (Vienna, VA) defeated 618 players and won \$188,830**
- Event 11: Jeremy Stein (Washington, DC) defeated 328 players and won \$22,430**
- Event 12: Matthew Colvin (Dallas, TX) defeated 281 players and won \$19,625**

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