

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season Nine

Harrah's Resort Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ

Event #3

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$525 (+\$55)

Total Entries: 197

Prize Pool: \$98,254

December 2-3, 2012



Daniel Marcus Wins Event 3 at Harrah's Resort

24-year-old financier gets \$25,546 to play with, moves into three-way tie atop Casino Champion's leaderboard.

Atlantic City, NJ (December 4, 2012) — Daniel Marcus won Event 3, a \$580 No-Limit Hold'em tournament, at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, NJ early Tuesday morning.

Marcus was awarded \$25,546, a WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Champion's race. This marked his second time to cash in a WSOP Circuit event.

"It feels like vindication, which is nice," Marcus said of his championship performance. "Two years ago I cashed in one of the (WSOP) Circuit events. I made kind of a deep run, but obviously not quite as deep as this, so it's really satisfying."

Marcus' road to the winner's circle went through Sanghoon Ouh. Ouh began Day 2 first in chips, but relinquished the lead to Marcus at the unofficial final table of 10. The pair went back and forth before Marcus would ultimately get the best of Ouh. In his own words, Marcus was drawing slim to win the event at one point, but kept his nose to the grindstone and bested the 197-player field.

"The cliché is, 'it's a marathon not a sprint', but that's really true in these," Marcus said. "You have to always have the mindset of you're never dead until you're dead."

Marcus can be described as a semi-professional poker player. The 24-year-old supplemented his income in college with his poker winnings and continues to take time away from his work in the finance and hedge fund industry in Manhattan to play as many tournament series as he can. But admittedly, poker has taken a back seat to his professional life in recent years.

The win moved Marcus into a three-way tie atop the Casino Champion's leaderboard. He joins Jacob Coker and Brandon Fish, each with 50 points, in the number one spot at Harrah's Resort. Eight events remain for the players to separate themselves from the field.

Event 3 was the second of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort. The \$580 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 197 entries. The total prize pool came to

\$98,254 and the top 21 players were paid. All players who cashed received WSOP Circuit National Championship ranking points.

Day 1 began Sunday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Monday at 3 p.m. with 13 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at 4:45 p.m. Play finished at about 12:45 a.m. making the total duration of the final table eight hours with a one-hour dinner break.

Notes on the Event

- Christine Brewer (7th) became the first female to make a final table at Harrah's Resort in 2012-13. Brewer recorded a 645th place finish in the WSOP Main Event this summer, awarding her \$19,227.
- The final table featured one gold ring champion, Paul "Bicycle" Sokoloff (4th).
- Two out of the nine final table participants hailed from Canada.
- Marcus' next largest WSOP cash came in 2010 at Harrah's Resort when he won \$978 for a 58th place finish in a \$350 No-Limit Hold'em tournament.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harrah's Resort's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title "Casino Champion" and receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million WSOP National Championship to take place in New Orleans May 2013.

All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's Resort:

EVENT #1: Jacob Coker defeated 536 players (\$365 NLH) for \$35,033

EVENT #2: Brandon Fish defeated 858 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$50,862

EVENT #3: Daniel Marcus defeated 197 players (\$580 NLH) for \$25,546

With the third tournament now wrapped, nine more ring events remain to take place at Harrah's Resort.

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