

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #6
No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed
Buy-In: \$320 (+\$45)
Total Entries: 329
Prize Pool: \$100,016
December 5-6, 2012



Alan Cutler Hauls in a Win in Event 6

Chicago-based CPA avenges 2008 WSOP \$2k fifth place finish, wins No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed.

Cuong Phung comes up short of Casino Champion's lead.

Atlantic City, NJ (December 6, 2012) — Alan Cutler won Event 6, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament, at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, NJ Thursday night. The accountant and part-time poker pro cashed in on \$23,504, his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and earned 50 points toward the Casino Championship. Cutler described the victory as a monkey off his back.

Four years ago he was at the final table of a \$2,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em event at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. He was cruising. All that was left to size his wrist for what would be his first gold bracelet.

Then it happened. In his own words, he went from hero to zero.

Cutler held [Ax][Qx] and his opponent, Alex Gomes, held [7x][6x].

"The flop came [Ax][Qx] and I did the fist pump and cheer early," Cutler recalled. "Then Alex Gomes caught runner, runner [6x][6x]."

Cutler relinquished half his stack but wasn't gone yet, though it wouldn't be much longer until he joined the majority of the field on the rail. The very next hand he lost with pocket queens against pocket fives all in pre-flop and was eliminated fifth.

Gomes would eventually win the tournament, but that was no consolation to Cutler and neither was the \$223,000 fifth place prize.

Cutler's consolation came Thursday at Harrah's Resort when he put on his first Circuit ring.

"I would have chopped with (Cuong Phung) and let him have first place money just to get the ring," Cutler said of his heads up opponent.

His trip to the winner's circle went through Casino Champion points contender Cuong Phung. Phung cashed in the massive \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament that began last weekend awarding him five points toward the Casino Champion's race. He needed first place and first place only in Event 6 to take sole possession of the lead, but couldn't overcome a substantial chip deficit and finished second for 37.5 points. He now has 42.5 points and is in second place with Salvatore Busacca.

Cutler is a 54-year-old certified public accountant from Chicago, IL. He is the most recent of a string of Chicago-area players to breakthrough in the poker world. Fellow Chicagoan Aaron Massey congratulated Cutler tableside. The pair used to play in the same home game.

Event 6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament attracted 329 entries. The total prize pool came to \$100,016 and the top 33 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Thursday at 3 p.m. with 15 players remaining. The six-handed final table began at 5:30 p.m. Play finished at about 8:45 p.m. making the total duration of the final table three hours and fifteen minutes.

Notes on the Event

- Event 6 was the first six-handed tournament of the 2012-2013 stop at Harrah's Resort.
- Cutler surpassed the \$250,000 mark in career earnings at the WSOP.
- Josh Brikis (6th) headlined the final table. Brikis has five WSOP Circuit final tables and three runner-up finishes, two coming at Harrah's Resort.

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 receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's 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

EVENT #4: Moshe Bernstein defeated 422 players (\$365 NLH) for \$28,223

EVENT #5: Yury Parad defeated 260 players (\$580 NLH) for \$31,770

EVENT #6: Alan Cutler defeated 329 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$23,504

With the sixth tournament now wrapped, six more ring events remain at Harrah's Resort.

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