

**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #7
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$1,035 (+\$90)
Total Entries: 196
Prize Pool: \$192,717
December 6-7, 2012**



James Gilbert Bests the Best in Harrah's Resort \$1K

Yossi Azulay records record-extending 13th cash of 2012-2013, takes National points lead.

Poker pro and Circuit champion Aaron Massey finishes runner-up.

Atlantic City, NJ (December 8, 2012) — James Gilbert outlasted a star-studded field in the Harrah's Resort \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em tournament Friday. The young pro won \$50,106, a WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Champion's race on the eve of the Main Event.

"It feels great. This is my first live win," Gilbert said.

Gilbert recently returned from Costa Rica where he lived for three months to play online. He says this was his first live tournament since the hiatus.

Day 2 of the tournament began with serious National Championship points implications. Yossi Azulay lead the 13 remaining players, marking a record-extending 13th Circuit cash in 2012-2013. Azulay's stellar play all but guaranteed him first in the National points race, but a win would break the six-way tie at Harrah's Resort and give him sole possession of the Casino Championship lead with five events to go.

Azulay did in fact snag the lead in the National points race, but the Casino Championship headlines fizzled when he was eliminated sixth for \$7,198.

The night belonged to Gilbert, who found himself heads up with National Championship points contender Aaron Massey. Massey was mathematically unable to best Azulay atop the National leaderboard, but a first place finish would give him sole possession of second.

Gilbert began the heads-up battle with a sizeable chip lead, but Massey proved to be a difficult test.

"He was really great," Gilbert later recalled of his opponent. "I remember one of the first hands at the final table he five-bet shoved on me and I slowed down after that. He really kept me in check."

Gilbert got the best of Massey, pulling a five-bet shove of his own holding [Tx][Tx] against Massey's pocket fours. The board came no help to Massey who exited second for \$30,952.

"We were definitely the two most aggressive players at the table, so it was really standard," Gilbert said of the last hand.

Massey has recorded five cashes including three final tables and his first Circuit victory at Horseshoe Southern Indiana in 2012-2013. He is tied for fourth on the National leaderboard with 142.5 points.

Event 7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort. The \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 196 entries. The total prize pool came to \$192,717 and the top 21 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 3 p.m. with 13 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at 4:30 p.m. Play finished at about 11 p.m. making the total duration of the final table six and a half hours including a one-hour dinner break.

Notes on the Event

- Event 7 awarded the second largest first prize at Harrah's Resort thus far.
- Massey, the second shortest stack at his table at the time, busted the bubble boy.
- Event 7 marked Gilbert's first live tournament since returning to the States after spending three months in Costa Rica playing online poker.
- Azulay (6th) recorded a 2012-2013 record-extending 13th cash and took the lead in the National points race with 165. Charles Moore sits second with 150.
- Had Massey recorded a win and Azulay finished 10th or worse, Massey would have taken the Casino Champion's points lead.

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
EVENT #7: James Gilbert defeated 196 players (\$1,125 NLH) for \$50,106

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

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