

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season Nine

Harrah's Resort Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ

Event #10

Main Event

Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$165)

Total Entries: 616

Prize Pool: \$924,000

December 8-10, 2012



Adam Teasdale Wins Harrah's Resort Championship

Aspiring pro pockets \$194,040, his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and a seat in the National Championship.

Atlantic City, NJ (December 11, 2012) — Adam Teasdale outlasted a field of 616 entrants in the \$1,675 Harrah's Resort Main Event early Tuesday morning in Atlantic City, NJ. The score marked the largest of the aspiring pro's career, awarding him better than \$194,000, a WSOP Circuit gold ring and a berth in the \$1 Million WSOP National Championship.

Teasdale lost his father about a year ago, making the championship performance that much more dear to him.

"This is absolutely going out to him and the rest of my family," Teasdale said of his father. "I told them that I could do it and this is just a start to a new beginning for me."

Teasdale began Day 3 as the chip leader but took a few hits and started the final table fifth in chips. The eliminations were swift, and before you knew it Teasdale was heads up with Wade Woelfel. With more than 200 big blinds in play tournament staff and spectators alike settled in for what was sure to be a marathon battle.

After a relatively uneventful duel, Teasdale and Woelfel played what would be the last hand of the tournament.

On a board of [Qd][Qh][6h][4s] Woelfel checked to Teasdale who made a bet of 460,000 (at the 40,000/80,000 level). Woelfel then raised all-in for 3,640,000 and Teasdale had a decision to make. After tanking for what seemed like five minutes Teasdale made the call and tabled [9s][4h] for a pair of fours.

"Good call," Woelfel said, tabling [As][5h] for ace high.

The river came the [Qc] and Teasdale was crowned champion. Woelfel earned \$120,018 for his runner-up performance.

"(It feels) absolutely amazing," Teasdale said. "I moved to North Carolina and that's where I discovered this awesome game that's hopefully going to change my life. I'm off to a good start."

Teasdale did all he could to stay positive throughout the three-day marathon. He even went as far as littering his chip stack with Hall's wrappers inscribed with motivational sayings. From the rail they looked like garbage, but to Teasdale they were reminders to stay positive.

"I had gone down to the gift shop before Day 1 and grabbed Vitamin C," Teasdale said. "There were little quotes (on the wrappers) to keep your head up when something goes bad. There were a whole bunch of positive sayings that you need to keep in the back of your mind when you're playing the game because it's stressful."

Teasdale had success with the inspirational quotes and eventually found himself in the winner's circle. When asked if he would continue to sprinkle the wrappers on his chip stack while playing poker his answer was painfully logical.

"I would assume so," he said with a smile.

Teasdale was the most notable of cashers, placing first and pocketing \$194,040, but others to finish in the money included Fleming Chan (11th), Brandon Fish (14th), Will Failla (31st), Jamie Kerstetter (34th) and gold bracelet champion Chris Reslock (58th).

The Main Event concluded on the heels of what was a hugely successful Circuit series at Harrah's Resort. Just weeks after Hurricane Sandy took its toll on the East Coast the event drew a field of almost 900 in the opening weekend and the Main Event drew 616, a mere two entrants short of last year's field. Indeed, Atlantic City bounced back from the devastation and all signs point to great things to come.

Brandon Fish won Casino Champion honors, following up an Event 2 victory with a 14th place finish in the Main Event. More information on Fish's performance at in Atlantic City will be made available on WSOP.com in the coming days.

The Main Event was the tenth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort. The \$1,1675 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 616 entries. The total prize pool came to \$924,000 and the top 63 players were paid.

Teasdale is an aspiring poker pro from Marinette, WI. He now resides in North Carolina and this marks his largest tournament score to date.

The Main Event tournament featured two starting flights and played out over three consecutive days beginning at 12 p.m. Saturday. The second starting flight began Saturday at 7 p.m. Both start days played nine levels and combined for Day 2 at 12 p.m. Sunday. 322 players advanced to Day 2.

Day 3 began at 12 p.m. Monday with 26 remaining.

The final table began at 7:30 p.m. and concluded at 2 a.m. making the total duration six and a half hours. It was streamed on ESPN3 with analysis by WSOP Circuit commentator Bernard Lee and player guest Lee Childs. It featured one WSOP Circuit champion, Trevor Deeter.

(NOTE: Final table blinds began at 15,000/30,000 with a 5,000 ante.)

Seat 1: Barry Leventhal – 565,000
Seat 2: Trevor Deeter – 460,00
Seat 3: Pete Rios – 1,885,000
Seat 4: Sung Kim – 1,860,000
Seat 5: Aaron Overton – 2,065,000
Seat 6: Adam Teasdale – 1,850,000
Seat 7: Ed Molin – 640,000
Seat 8: Terry Grimes – 2,090,000
Seat 9: Wade Woelfel – 915,000

About the final table:

1st: Adam Teasdale - \$194,040
Hometown: Marinette, WI
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$3,969

2nd: Wade Woelfel - \$120,018
Hometown: Mankato, MN
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP Circuit earnings:

3rd: Pete Rios - \$87,762
Hometown: Houston, TX
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$33,822

4th: Sung Kim - \$65,124
Hometown: New York, NY
Occupation: Attorney
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$611

5th: Terry Grimes - \$49,000
Hometown: New Rochelle, NY
Occupation: Owner, cyber security company
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

6th: Aaron Overton - \$37,376
Hometown: Swathmore, PA
Occupation: Philanthropist
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$18,459

7th: Barry Leventhal - \$28,903
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0
WSOP Earning: \$45,518

8th: Ed Modlin - \$22,656
Hometown: Jamesville, NC
Occupation: Sawmill owner
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

9th: Trevor Deeter - \$18,000
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$46,466

Notes on the Event

- Day 1A drew 39 percent more players than 2011-2012's Day 1A.
- Fish and Teasdale were the only two players to begin Day 3 above the 1,000,000-chip mark.
- Fish finished 14th and earned 20 points toward the Casino Champion's race on top of the 50 he already had. Fish won the Casino Championship with 70 points.
- Event 10 was the championship tournament of what marked the ninth-consecutive year Harrah's Resort hosted a WSOP Circuit tournament.
- Harrah's Resort is one of four properties to have hosted an event since the Circuit's inception in 2005. Harrah's Rincon, Harrah's New Orleans and Harvey's Lake Tahoe are the other three.

All players who cash in ring events received 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
EVENT #8: John Cernuto defeated 164 players (\$365 Limit O8) for \$13,461
EVENT #9: Kunal Shah defeated 326 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$23,289
MAIN EVENT: Adam Teasdale defeated 616 players (\$1,675 NLH) for \$194,040
EVENT #11: Stephen Scales defeated 243 players (\$365 NLH) for \$18,099
EVENT #12: Cullen Hofman defeated 215 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$16,340

With the Main Event now wrapped, Circuit events at Harrah's Resort concluded.

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