

**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$320 (+\$45)
Total Entries: 243
Prize Pool: \$73,872
December 9-10, 2012**



Third Time's a Charm: Steven Scales Wins Event 11

Scales WSOP Circuit resume now boasts 6th, 4th and 1st place finishes.

Wendy Freedman finishes runner-up.

Atlantic City, NJ (December 11, 2012) — Stephen Scales won his first WSOP Circuit gold ring Monday night at Harrah's Resort in Event 11, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament. Scales' WSOP resume now boasts three cashes, all coming at final tables. Additionally, he improved on his previous result every time, first carding a sixth, then a fourth and now a first place finish.

"It feels awesome," Scales said. "This is my second Circuit stop ever. At Caesars (Atlantic City) this year I made back-to-back final tables and came up short twice."

For a while it looked as if Scales would come up short a third time. His heads-up battle with Wendy Freedman lasted the better part of the six-and-a-half-hour final table and saw multiple lead changes before things finally went Scales' way.

"I knew it was going to be (Freedman and me) heads up," Scales said. "She's a very good player."

Freedman's runner-up finish in Event 11 marked the highest finish for a female player at the 2012-2013 Circuit series at Harrah's Resort. Ashira Lavine (Event 13, 2009) is the only woman to have an open ring event at this property.

"(Women players) get a lot of action because a lot of players don't think women are good and it turns out a lot of them are. A lot of the girls you see that are regulars on the WSOP Circuit are very good players," Scales would say of his adversary.

Scales earned \$18,099 for his first place finish as well as a WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship. Event 2 champion Brandon Fish leads the points race at Harrah's Resort with two events remaining to be decided. At best, Scales will finish tied for second in the race to New Orleans.

Event 11 was the eleventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 243 entries. The total prize pool came to \$73782 and the top 27 players were paid.

The tournament played out over two consecutive days beginning at 12 p.m. Sunday. Day 2 began at 3 p.m. Monday with 10 remaining. The final table began shortly after 3 p.m. and play concluded at 9:30 p.m., making the total duration of the finale six and a half hours.

Notes on the Event

- This marked Scales' third time to final a WSOP Circuit event.
- All of Scales' cashes on the East Coast at either Harrah's Resort or Caesars Atlantic City.
- Scales began the final table as the chip leader.

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
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: TBD
EVENT #11: Stephen Scales defeated 243 players (\$365 NLH) for \$18,099

With Event 11 now wrapped, one more ring event remains at Harrah's Resort.

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