

**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #12
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo
Buy-In: \$320 (+\$45)
Total Entries: 215
Prize Pool: \$65,360
December 10, 2012**



Glory's Last Shot: Cullen Hofmann Wins Event 12

Casino Championship comes down to final event, Brandon Fish dons the honors.

Matt Chang falls short of second WSOP Circuit turbo victory.

Atlantic City, NJ (December 11, 2012) — Cullen Hofmann exited the Main Event a mere three spots shy of the money on Day 2. He played seven events at Harrah's Resort and didn't cash in a single one. When he walked into the Ballroom on the third floor Monday to check on the Main Event, he saw there was one last ring event, so he decided to give it a shot.

That shot worked out for Hofmann as he won the tournament, outlasting 215 entrants to win \$16,340 and a WSOP Circuit gold ring in the process.

Hofmann bested a final table that included the likes of Casino Champion contender Richard Ward, turbo specialist Matt Chang and three-time Circuit champion Dwyte Pilgrim.

Ward was the first to go. He gave the then-points leader in the Casino Championship, Brandon Fish, a good sweat. Fish earned 70 points following an Event 2 victory and a 14th place in the Main Event. Ward earned 22.5 for a sixth place finish in the previous turbo event and needed a win and a win only to best Fish atop the leaderboard. Fish donned the honors of Casino Champion following Ward's eighth place finish.

Pilgrim went out next in sixth. The performance marked his fourth final table at Harrah's Resort, tying him for second all time. All players trail the six final tables of Dean Schultz. Pilgrim is a three-time Circuit champion with more than \$500,000 in career earnings.

Finally came Chang. Chang won his first WSOP Circuit ring in a last chance turbo at Horseshoe Southern Indiana in 2011. He found himself in a similar position early Tuesday morning -- Event 12, \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo, heads-up for the ring.

Chang was a slight chip leader to start the battle, but in true turbo fashion, the blinds took over. Eventually it got to be too much and Chang moved all in after Hofmann limped the button. Hofmann snap called holding ace six, a favorite against Chang's ace two.

The board helped neither player and Chang was eliminated second, earning \$10,099.

The final table had a myriad of headlines, but this event was about one player and one player only, Hofmann.

Event 12 was the last of the gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 215 entries. The total prize pool came to \$65,360 and the top 24 players were paid.

The tournament played out in its entirety in one day. The final table began at 11 p.m. and play concluded shortly after 1 a.m., making the total duration of the final table two hours, and the tournament 13 hours.

Notes on the Event

- Pilgrim made his fourth final table appearance at Harrah's Resort, moving him into a tie for second most all time at the venue.
- Ward needed to win the event to win the Casino Championship. He finished eighth and Fish donned the honors.
- Chang (2nd) recorded his first gold ring in victory in a turbo tournament at Horseshoe Southern Indiana in 2011.
- Ward (8th) final tabled both turbo events at Harrah's Resort, finishing 6th and 8th.
- This was the ninth consecutive year Harrah's Resort hosted a WSOP Circuit event. It is one of four properties to have hosted the series since its inception in 2005. The other properties are Harvey's Lake Tahoe, Harrah's Rincon and Harrah's New Orleans.

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: 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 Hofmann defeated 215 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$16,340

The 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit at Harrah's Resort concluded with Event 12.

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