



**World Series of Poker Circuit Events
Season Nine
Harrah's Philadelphia
Event #4
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 161
Total Prize Pool: \$48,300
April 29 – April 30, 2013**

Thomas Midena Wins Event #4 at Harrah's Philadelphia

Cash Game Player Continues Recent Tournament Success at Harrah's Philly

CHESTER, PA (April, 29 2013) – The 2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit Events sponsored by Southern Comfort 100 Proof continued Tuesday with the conclusion of Event 4, \$365 No-Limit Hold'em. The latest Circuit champion to be crowned was Thomas Midena, a poker pro from Brooklyn, NY.

Midena, who plays mostly cash games, scored his breakout tournament win in March in the PokerNews Mid-States Poker Tour Firekeepers Main Event. Midena kept the tournament ball rolling Tuesday with his first WSOP Circuit Event win at Harrah's Philadelphia.

1st place earned Midena \$13,041 and his first Circuit gold ring. He also picked up 50 points in the National Championship points race.

The Monday-start event drew 161 players, making for a \$48,300 prize pool.

Day one play was fast and furious, leaving only six players remaining through 21 levels of play. The remaining six returned at 1:00 pm Tuesday to play down to a winner.

Among them was Rocco Luciano, a 32-year-old real estate appraiser from Philadelphia, PA.

Luciano won the opening event in the inaugural WSOP Circuit Event series here at Harrah's Philly back in 2012 and had his sights set on Ring #2. Luciano however, was unable to get things rolling and was eliminated early in the day in 6th place (\$2,407)

Heads up came down to Midena and Aaron Pinson of Baltimore, MD. Pinson and Midena began heads up play nearly even in chips and battled it out for nearly two hours.

Pinson found himself on the short end of almost every all-in showdown, and despite being able to chip back up a few times, was unable to fade a final all-in holding a pocket pair to Midena's overcards and was eliminated in 2nd (\$8,059)

After the win, Midena was congratulated by fellow pros Trevor Deeter and Kris Bradshaw, who were on hand to cheer their buddy on. With his second major tournament win in as many months, it appears that Midena can officially add tournament expertise to the cash game success that already decorates his poker resume.

8 events are still to come. See the complete Harrah's Philadelphia Circuit schedule and event results [here](#). The WSOP Circuit Events at Harrah's Philadelphia runs through May 6th. You can find the complete 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule [here](#).

The final results are as follows:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
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