



**World Series of Poker Circuit Events**  
**Season Nine**  
**Harrah's Philadelphia**  
**Event #5**  
**H.O.S.E.**  
**Buy-In: \$365**  
**Total Entries: 96**  
**Total Prize Pool: \$49,500**  
**April 28 – April 29, 2013**

## **Peter Ippolito Wins Fourth Circuit Event Title at Harrah's Philadelphia**

### **East Coast Pro Takes Commanding Lead in Harrah's Philly Casino Championship Points Race**

CHESTER, PA (April, 29 2013) – Peter Ippolito has done it again.

The 27-year-old poker pro and tournament specialist from East Meadow, NY has once again laid claim to WSOP Circuit gold, this time in Event 5, the \$365 H.O.S.E. event at Harrah's Philadelphia. The win marked the first in a mixed event for Ippolito, who has three previous Circuit wins in No-Limit Hold'em.

Ippolito is no stranger to mixed game play, however, as he had previously made the Final Table in the same event here at Harrah's Philly in 2011 and ran deep in the \$2,500 Ten-game mixed event at the 2012 World Series of Poker.

Ippolito's win late Tuesday night was significant on a number of fronts. Not only did he join an elite fraternity of players who've won four rings while surging to a 20-point lead in the Harrah's Philadelphia Casino Championship, Ippolito further solidified himself as one of the best all-around tournament players on the east coast.

What makes Ippolito's win even more impressive is the fact that his Circuit Event participation since 2008 has largely been exclusive to the three east coast stops, Harrah's Resort Atlantic City, Caesars Atlantic City and Harrah's Philadelphia and begs the question of how many rings he would have if he expanded his Circuit wheelhouse further west. With his current lead in the Harrah's Philly Casino Championship points race, Ippolito may just find himself further west, playing for a share of more than \$1 million in the WSOP National Championship this May at Harrah's New Orleans.

Event 5 drew 99 players, generating a prize pool of \$49,500. The event drew a host of mixed games specialists, including Ari Engel, Allen Kessler and another four-time WSOP Circuit champion, Chris Reslock.

About 90 minutes after the money bubble burst just before 10 pm, play was down to the Final Table. Ippolito's biggest threat among the final nine was Kevin Marcus, a 28-year-old accountant and skilled mixed games player from Massapequa, NY. In 2010 Marcus won the H.O.R.S.E. event at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. In addition to his experience, Marcus also had brought with him a wealth of chips to the Final Table and was the chip leader when play resumed.

Players fell one by one as the night wore on until just after 2 am, when it was down to Marcus and Ippolito. After playing three hours of bringing his A-game and a 2-1 lead over Ippolito, it appeared that Marcus would be the likely victor. It wasn't meant to be however for Marcus as Ippolito caught a good run of cards about two hours into the match-up and eliminated Marcus in 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$5,340)

After the win, Ippolito showed himself to be a graceful victor.

"I ran so good heads up," Ippolito conceded a bit after the win. "[Marcus] was bringing in almost every hand and I was just able to get there when I needed to."

