

World Series of Poker Circuit Events Season Nine Harrah's Philadelphia Event #7

No-Limit Hold'em Six Handed

Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 215
Total Prize Pool: \$64,500

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You Get What You Give – Kevin McColgan Wins Event 7 at Harrah's Philadelphia

Douglasville, PA poker pro and philanthropist wins Circuit title at Harrah's Philly for second consecutive year

CHESTER, PA (May 2, 2013) – For the second consecutive year here at Harrah's Philadelphia, Kevin McColgan has come away with WSOP Circuit Gold.

Last year, the 34-year-old poker pro from Douglasville, PA won the closing event at Harrah's Philly, securing his first WSOP Circuit gold ring and earning a narrow win in the casino championship points race.

McColgan made his return this year to Harrah's Philadelphia and again has made his mark on the Circuit series here, this time in Event 7, the \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Handed Event. For the win, McColgan was awarded \$17,415 and his second Circuit Ring. It was a fitting prize for someone who's given so much to his community.

McColgan and his wife are founders of Red Corner Benefit, an organization committed to raising money for area kids who are battling cancer. Each year, they select a new kid to raise money for to assist with medical, travel and everyday expenses which can be devastating to the family of a child stricken with the unforgiving disease.

This past year, Red Corner Benefit raised money for Branden Barbone, a 7-year-old from North Coventry, PA who was diagnosed with stage III lymphoma. Red Corner Benefit managed to raise over \$9,000 for Branden, which will go a long way in helping with his recover. The event was featured in article in a local paper and can be found here: http://www.southernberksnews.com/article/20121023/NEWS01/121029983&pager=full_story

Indeed, McColgan is one of the good guys who demonstrates that it really is better to give than receive.

Event 7 drew 215 players for total prize pool of \$64,500 of which, 24 players would take home their share.

Day two resumed play with eight players and was soon down to the Final Table. McColgan was one of the short stacks to start the Final Table and had less than four times the starting stack of the Final Table chip leader, Ryan Riess. McColgan was undaunted however, and was able to chip back up while his opponents hit felt one after another, including Reiss who finished in 7th place (\$1,957).

Heads up was between McColgan and Jonas Wexler, who started the Final Table second in chips. McColgan managed to take the upper hand heads up, ultimately eliminating his final opponent in 2nd (\$10,760).

In addition to the money and the ring, McColgan picks up 50 points toward in the Casino Champion points race at Harrah's Philadelphia and is now just 15 points shy of the current leader, Peter Ippolito who has 70.

The Casino Champion is the player who earns the most points through the 12 events at Harrah's Philadelphia. This player will earn an automatic seat to the WSOP Circuit National Championship to be held May 22– May 24 at Harrah's New Orleans. More information about the WSOPC National Championship can be found here. An explanation of the points system can be found here.