



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Caesars Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #4
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 390
Prize Pool: \$117,000
March 4-5, 2013**

Jeffrey Gurfinkel Wins Second WSOP Circuit Gold Ring

Brooklyn-Born Poker Pro from Florida Comes North and Earns Victory

Poker Action Continues on the Jersey Shore through March 11th

Atlantic City, NJ (March 5, 2013) – The fourth gold ring event here at this year's Caesars Atlantic City series will be remembered for some astounding poker hands, which determined the final outcome.

Standing all alone after the carnage of cards was Jeffrey Gurfinkel, from Hallandale, FL. The 27-year-old professional poker player born in Brooklyn has enjoyed great success here in Atlantic City. He not only won tonight's event at Caesars, Gurfinkel also won a gold ring 14 months ago at Harrah's, less than two miles away. Indeed, Atlantic City has been very, very good to him.

Getting back to those amazing hands – once players consolidated to one table of ten, the very first hand set the pace for what would be a wild night of action. Michael Foulkrod (Syracuse, NY) with J-J looked to be in horrible shape against Jonathan Bakhshian (Dallas, TX), holding K-K. The flop brought all ten players to their feet in a state of disbelief. The K-J-J board gave Bakhshian kings full, but it also gave Foulkrod four jacks. That's the kind of night this would be for those that survived the longest.

Perhaps no hand was as critical as the one that took place late when eventual winner Gurfinkel was heads-up against Ciprian Tutu, who finished second. Tutu had his opponent covered and drawing to an inside straight – which was four outs. The river came, giving Gurfinkel his miracle. More wild and unpredictable moments were still to come.

The final hand of the tournament had both players close in chips. Both players tabled their cards and both showed A-J. However, Gurfinkel was drawing to diamonds, with two diamonds in his hand.

Ka-boom!

Three diamonds flopped, leaving a stunned Tutu drawing stone-cold dead.

It was the perfect way to end a wacky night.

Friends and supporters cheered Gurfinkel on, including his girlfriend, who gave the champion a tender hug and a kiss as a reward.

So, the winner ended up taking it all – \$25,740 in cash and his second gold ring. He even managed to get the girl. Sweet.

With this victory, Gurfinkel becomes the new man to catch in the Casino Champions race. With a previous cash to go with this win, he now has 60 points – which leads all players for this series.

Also of note – the final table included one WSOP gold bracelet winner. Mitch Schock, who won his title in 2001, ended up finishing in third place.

The final table finishers were as follows:

1st	Jeffrey Gurfinkel	Hallandale Beach, FL, US	\$25,740
2nd	Ciprian Tutu	New York, NY, US	\$15,900
3rd	Mitch Schock	Bismarck, ND, US	\$16,623
4th	Michael Foulkrod	Charlotte, NC, US	\$8,630
5th	Gregory Graham	Red Lion, PA, US	\$6,508
6th	Ramin Azizoghli	New Hope, PA, US	\$4,981
7th	Jonathan Bakhshian	Austin, TX, US	\$3,868
8th	Wetherly Bristow	Powhatan, VA, US	\$3,047
9th	Patrick Socorro	New York, NY, US	\$2,434

Tournament Notes

- This was the fourth gold ring event of this year's WSOP Circuit being played at Caesars Atlantic City.
- The two-day tournament began with 390 players. After 14 hours of play on Day One, only 19 survivors remained.
- There were 19 players that started Day Two. It took about three hours to play down to the final table.
- The final table included one gold ring winner – Jeffrey Gurfinkel.
- The final table went about six hours.

Thanks to this victory and a 12th place finish in Event 3, Gurfinkel is now the player to beat in the Caesars Atlantic City Casino Champion contest. Gurfinkel now has 60 points. The player who accumulates the most overall points in Caesars Atlantic City's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. The qualifier will join the winner of the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event (March 9-11), who also wins an automatic seat.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Caesars Atlantic City events only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

The 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Caesars Atlantic City runs through March 1, 2013.

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