2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Caesars Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #8
Omaha High-Low Split
Buy-In $300 (+65)
Total Entries: 142
Prize Pool: $133,000
March 6-7, 2013

Matthew G. Linton Wins Omaha High-Low Split

Virginian Takes Gold Ring in Only Non-Hold'em Tourney

Poker Action Continues on the Jersey Shore Through March 11th

Atlantic City, NJ (March 8, 2013) – Matthew Linton, a 30-year-old poker grinder from Saxis, VA won the most recent WSOP Circuit tournament, held at Caesars Atlantic Cty as part of the "12 rings in 12 days" series.

Linton topped a field of 142 players and ending up winning his first WSOP-related victory. First place paid $11,928, plus the gold ring – which is the eighth such token as part of this series. Linton prevailed in the Omaha High-Low Split tournament, which is the only non-Hold'em event on the schedule.

The tournament was played over two days. It ended with Linton beating Clete Pavone heads-up for the victory. In the finale, a Virginian ended up beating a West Virginian. Pavone is from Morgantown.

The final table had some ntotable talent, aside from the top finishers. Roland Israelashvili, from New York City, won the Main Event here in 2010 and has two gold rings. He's racked up nearly $1.5 million in WSOP-related earnings. Israelashvili finished fifth.

Another notable name is two-time gold ring winner John Holley, from Destin, FL. The fisherman and semi-pro poker player won the Casino Champion race at Tunica two months ago. Holly took ninth place.

The final table finishers were as follows:

1	Matthew Linton	Onancock, VA, US	$11,928
2	Clete Pavone	Morgantown, WV, US	$7,372
3	Edward Sullivan	Durham, NC, US	$5,322
4	Michael Bees	Medford, NJ, US	$3,910

5	Roland Israelashvili	Forest Hills, NY, US	$2,923
6	Michael Phillips	New York, NY, US	$2,222
7	Bradley Kleinburd	Salisbury, MD, US	$1,718
8	Hunter McClelland	Ramey, PA, US	$1,350
9	John Holley	Destin, FL, US	$1,077

Tournament Notes

– This was the eighth gold ring event of this year's WSOP Circuit being played at Caesars Atlantic City.

– The two-day tournament began with 142 players. After eight hours of play on Day One, only 28 survivors remained.

– There were 28 players that started Day Two. It took about three hours to play down to the final table.

– The final table included two gold ring winners – Roland Israelashvili and John Holley.

– The final table went about six hours.

As the eighth gold ring winner so far, Michael G. Linton joins previous winners now in contention for the Casino Champion race for the Caesars Atlantic City series. He accumulated 50 points for his victory.

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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