

44th Annual World Series of Poker Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino Las Vegas, Nevada Event 34 Turbo No Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$1,000

Number of Entries: 1,629 Total Prize Pool: \$1,466,100 Number of Places Paid: 171 First Place Prize: \$278,613 June 18 -June 20, 2013

It took Michael Gathy just two days to outlast the 1,629-player field in the World Series of Poker's first-ever turbo event. Gathy earned \$278,613 and a gold bracelet for besting the star-studded finale early Friday morning. The victory marks his second WSOP victory in as many years and catapults him well over the \$700,000-mark in career earnings.

Gathy's first gold bracelet win came in a standard \$1,000 No-Limit Hold'em event in 2012 and awarded him \$440,829. He is a 24-year-old pro from Brussels, Belgium. Prior to playing the game professionally, he studied medicine. He joins Davidi Kitai as the second Belgian winner to pick up a bracelet this summer.

Event 34 marked the WSOP's first time to host an event with a turbo format. Unlike most bracelet events, which last three days, this one concluded in just two, as Day 1 levels lasted 30 and 40 minutes compared to the standard hour-long levels in other events. The \$1,000 buy-in drew 1,629 players generating a prize pool totaling \$1,466,100. The top 171 players finished in the money with a min-cash awarding \$1,935. Day 1 played 17 levels in roughly 12 hours and concluded with just 35 players left in the running for the bracelet.

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