

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Harrah's Philadelphia
Chester, PA
Event #11
Turbo No Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 88
Prize Pool: \$26,400
April 27, 2014



Lucas Picking Wins First Gold Ring at Harrah's Philadelphia

Chester, PA (April 28, 2014) -- Lucas Picking, a bar manager from North Brunswick, won his first WSOP Circuit ring in the next-to-last ring event of the Harrah's Philadelphia Circuit series. The win was good for \$8,448. "It feels great!" he said. "Just to get into the money, let alone win one is really good. A ring is something I've been eyeing for a long time. Happy to get one."

He's been playing tournament poker for about eight years and he's had "a few deep runs, nothing serious" until now. In his own words, he described how the event went after busting out of the previous tournament:

"I late regged the morning tournament..bluffed off a 100 big blind stack and was steaming really bad coming into the Turbo...kinda just slowly chipping up until I got hot at the final table. I came in with ten big blinds...texted my buddy Rob and he reminded me how to play a short stack."

He found himself heads-up against Julian Sacks after playing for over eleven and a half hours. Picking had a 1.5:1 chip lead and the match was over in about a half hour. Sacks took home \$5,221 for second place.

The 3pm start time for this event helped draw in more players that had busted out of earlier events. There were a total of 88 entries for a prize pool of \$26,400. The final nine players got paid. There were some very experienced players at this final table, including Matthew Chang, who has one Circuit ring from another Turbo event and has racked up 26 cashes on the Circuit. He finished in 4th place. Ring bearers Craig Bergeron and DJ MacKinnon also made the final table, finishing 6th and 7th, respectively.

Picking travels the Circuit, as long as it is within a five-hour drive of his home. He made the trek to the WSOP last summer and played three events. "I did terrible," he said, but that just inspired him to improve his game.

