

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Harrah's Atlantic City
Atlantic City, New Jersey
Event #9
No-Limit Hold'em Main Event
Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$175)
Total Entries: 341
Prize Pool: \$511,500
March 17, 2017**



Abraham Korotki Notches Second Main Event Victory

For the second time at a Harrah's Atlantic City Circuit, Abraham Korotki walks away as Main Event Champion.

Atlantic City, New Jersey (March 20, 2017) – A repeat, Main Event Champion has been crowned at the Harrah's Atlantic City Circuit stop. Abraham Korotki seized his second World Series of Poker gold ring on Monday. He fought through 341 entrants and three days of tournament poker to win Event #9: \$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event.

“This was a good tournament. It was fun and a lot of nice people in it, so I enjoyed it,” said Korotki.

The accomplishment marked Korotki's second Main Event triumph at Harrah's Atlantic City, an astounding feat to say the least. His first conquest was completed in 2006 when things were a bit different than they are now, a detail Korotki touched on when asked to compare the two cases.

“Well, the first one was a decade ago. I would say over the decade... Players have gotten better,” Korotki noted. “And it is very difficult to win a tournament, let alone multiple tournaments.”

Korotki's debut, gold-ring win was worth \$433,008, a massive payday stemming from the fact the buy-in was \$9,700 back then. Even with the large difference in entry-fees, his most recent cash prize came out to a handsome sum of \$117,645.

Although Korotki was among the top-five stacks going into the second day of the tournament, it was no easy road to the finish. The Delaware resident found himself at risk against Thomas Ippolito, midway through Day 2. After surviving the hand, Korotki went on a rampage, scoring multiple knockouts, eventually bagging up with the chip lead.

“And then today [Day 3], I lost a huge hand. I misread the opponent,” said Korotki. “But I was fortunate to flop a couple straights.”

Nine players, the official final table, were present to start Day 3 of the Main Event. Korotki made a misstep early, but turned it around later on with some luck going his way.

“As I say, there’s no one that has ever won a tournament that didn’t have some luck with them,” Korotki stated.

When it got down to three players, it was Korotki, Alex Rocha, and Edward Duncan facing off. To everyone’s amazement the three players realized that they were all placed at the same table during Day 1A. The odds of them being the final three were, some would say, astronomical.

In the end, it was two-time gold ring recipient, Alex Rocha, and Korotki heads up for first place. Korotki made quick work of his opponent and claimed the title.

There was a supporter for Korotki, watching from the rail throughout the Main Event. It was his lovely wife, an immeasurable counterpart, and charm, that has been by his side for many years.

“The second she came in yesterday, I won some big hands. She was with me a decade ago. We walked these halls. We used to circle all around, during our breaks, and just talk,” Korotki reminisced. “So, yes, she brought me the luck.”

Event #9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harrah’s Atlantic City. The \$1,675 No-Limit Hold’em Main Event attracted 341 players generating a \$511,500 prizepool. The top 36 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large Global Casino Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from the Harrah’s Atlantic City series:

EVENT #1: Freddy Ferrell defeated 232 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$17,401
EVENT #2: Phillip Levine defeated 573 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$36,106
EVENT #3: Nick Bevilacqua defeated 260 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$19,110
EVENT #4: John Iraj defeated 129 players (\$580 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$18,062
EVENT #5: Daniel Swift defeated 232 players (\$365 NLHE Six Max) for \$18,789
EVENT #6: Daniel Buzgon defeated 197 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$15,366
EVENT #7: Matt Paoletti defeated 83 players (\$365 Omaha 8) for \$7,968
EVENT #8: Vinny Pahuja defeated 164 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,284
EVENT #9: Abraham Korotki defeated 341 players (\$1,675 NLHE Main Event) for \$117,645
EVENT #10: Christopher Lim defeated 111 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$9,989
EVENT #11: Frank Toscano defeated 96 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$14,400

This was the eleventh gold ring handed out at the Harrah’s Atlantic City series. One more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Harrah's Atlantic City series are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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