



World Series of Poker Circuit Events
Season Nine
Harrah's Philadelphia
Event #5
H.O.S.E.
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 96
Total Prize Pool: \$49,500
April 28 – April 29, 2013

Peter Ippolito Wins Fourth Circuit Event Title at Harrah's Philadelphia

East Coast Pro Takes Commanding Lead in Harrah's Philly Casino Championship Points Race

CHESTER, PA (April, 29 2013) – Peter Ippolito has done it again.

The 27-year-old poker pro and tournament specialist from East Meadow, NY has once again laid claim to WSOP Circuit gold, this time in Event 5, the \$365 H.O.S.E. event at Harrah's Philadelphia. The win marked the first in a mixed event for Ippolito, who has three previous Circuit wins in No-Limit Hold'em.

Ippolito is no stranger to mixed game play, however, as he had previously made the Final Table in the same event here at Harrah's Philly in 2011 and ran deep in the \$2,500 Ten-game mixed event at the 2012 World Series of Poker.

Ippolito's win late Tuesday night was significant on a number of fronts. Not only did he join an elite fraternity of players who've won four rings while surging to a 20-point lead in the Harrah's Philadelphia Casino Championship, Ippolito further solidified himself as one of best all-around tournament players on the east coast.

What makes Ippolito's win even more impressive is the fact that his Circuit Event participation since 2008 has largely been exclusive to the three east coast stops, Harrah's Resort Atlantic City, Caesars Atlantic City and Harrah's Philadelphia and begs the question of how many rings he would have if he expanded his Circuit wheelhouse further west. With his current lead in the Harrah's Philly Casino Championship points race, Ippolito may just find himself further west, playing for a share of more than \$1 million in the WSOP National Championship this May at Harrah's New Orleans.

Event 5 drew 99 players, generating a prize pool of \$49,500. The event drew a host of mixed games specialists, including Ari Engel, Allen Kessler and another four-time WSOP Circuit champion, Chris Reslock.

About 90 minutes after the money bubble burst just before 10 pm, play was down to the Final Table. Ippolito's biggest threat among the final nine was Kevin Marcus, a 28-year-old accountant and skilled mixed games player from Massapequa, NY. In 2010 Marcus won the H.O.R.S.E. event at Horseshoe Council bluffs. In addition to his experience, Marcus also had brought with him a wealth of chips to the Final Table and was the chip leader when play resumed.

Players fell one by one as the night wore on until just after 2 am, when it was down to Marcus and Ippolito. After playing three hours of bringing his A-game and a 2-1 lead over Ippolito, it appeared that Marcus would be the likely victor. It wasn't meant to be however for Marcus as Ippolito caught a good run of cards about two hours into the match up and eliminated Marcus in 2nd place (\$5,340)

After the win, Ippolito showed himself to be a graceful victor.

"I ran so good heads up," Ippolito conceded a bit after the win. "[Marcus] was bringing in almost every hand and I was just able to get there when I needed to."

The Casino Champion is the player who earns the most points through the 12 events at Harrah's Philadelphia. This player will earn an automatic seat to the WSOP Circuit National Championship to be held May 22– May 24 at Harrah's New Orleans. More information about the WSOPC National Championship can be found [here](#). An explanation of the points system can be found [here](#).

7 events are still to come. See the complete Harrah's Philadelphia Circuit schedule and event results [here](#). The WSOP Circuit Events at Harrah's Philadelphia runs through May 6th. You can find the complete 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule [here](#).

The final results are as follows:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Peter Ippolito	EAST MEADOW, NY, US	\$8,640
2	Kevin Marcus	BLUE POINT, NY, US	\$5,340
3	Chad Eveslage	Ramsey, IN, US	\$3,802
4	Kevin Lutz	Bellmawr, NJ, US	\$2,762
5	Jeffrey Gunnip	BERKLEY, MI, US	\$2,046
6	Daniel Hofer	OSSINING, NY, US	\$1,545
7	Donald Jacoby	PHILADELPHIA, PA, US	\$1,188
8	Edward Sullivan	DURHAN, NC, US	\$931
9	Robert Renner	BELLE MEAD, NJ, US	\$742
10	Thomas Christopher	SAINT LOUIS, MO, US	\$602
11	Brett Schwertley	OMAHA, NE, US	\$602
12	Stephen Bent	SPRINGFIELD, PA, US	\$602

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