2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 10 Harrah's Philadelphia Chester, PA Event #2 No Limit Hold'em Re-Entry Buy-In: \$365

Total Entries: 331 Prize Pool: \$99,300 April 17-19, 2014



Local Eric Suarez Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring

Bartender Triumphs Over Engineer

Chester, PA (April 19, 2014) — Local bartender and tournament regular Eric Suarez got some help from big hands on his way to victory today at Harrah's Philadelphia. His plan was to "play solid and 3-bet jam people -- and it worked" he said. Suarez won \$22,839 and his first WSOP Circuit ring.

The heads-up match against Engineer Dave Urban only lasted about 30 minutes. Suarez held the chip lead from the start of the final table until they got heads up. The one-on-one match began with Suarez holding 2 million chips to Urban's 1.2 million, but Urban pulled ahead as they battled. Suarez shoved with pocket Tens on a seven-high flop and Urban decided to "gamble" and called with his open-ended straight draw. He whiffed all his outs and Suarez doubled up to about 3 million, leaving Urban with only 11 big blinds. It was over a couple of hands later. Dave Urban picked up \$14,119 for second place.

Kevin Grabel was the chip leader at the start of Day 2 with 52 players remaining. He made the final table, but got his Kings cracked by AK, then ran pocket Queens into pocket Aces. Grabel busted out in 8th place.

The only WSOP Circuit ring owner at this final table was Kenny 'SuperTuan' Nguyen, who won the Main Event here in 2011. He was 10th in chips at the start of Day 2 and made the final table in 6th chip position. He ran into some big hands and busted out in 6th place.

This re-entry event featured two starting flights on Thursday and Friday and carried a \$75,000 Guarantee on the prize pool. There were 124 entrants on Thursday and combined with the 207 entrants on Friday, that brought the field size to 331. The total prize pool came to \$99,300, covering the guarantee nicely. The final 36 players would earn a payday.

Only 52 players survived a shortened Day 1 to return on Day 2. It took seven hours to play down from 52 players to the ten-handed final table. The final table played out in about four and a half hours.

In addition to the win, Eric Suarez earned 50 points toward the Casino Champion race and National Leaderboard. Suarez says he's not chasing points for either race and he's not going to take any time off from work to play. He does plan to be back for the Six Max event (Wednesday, April 23rd) and the Main Event, which begins Friday/Saturday, April 25th/26th.

Final Table Results

PLACE	<u>PLAYER</u>	CITY / STATE / COUNTRY	CASH EARNED
1	Eric Suarez	PHILADELPHIA, PA, US	\$22,839
2	David Urban	Virginia Beach, VA, US	\$14,119
3	Charles Edwards	Paeonian Springs, VA, US	\$10,300
4	Mike Jukich	ARLINGTON, VA, US	\$7,640
5	Bradley Wexler	Hobe Sound, FL, US	\$5,755
6	Kenny Nguyen	Lansing, IL, US	\$4,402
7	Ronald Vidakovic	New Milford, NJ, US	\$3,416
8	Kevin Grabel	SOUTHAMPTON, PA, US	\$2,689
9	Cong Le	Springfield, VA, US	\$2,147

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's Philadelphia's twelve gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Bally's Atlantic City May 22nd - 24th.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large National 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 Harrah's Philadelphia:

EVENT #1: Akib Ali defeated 123 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,332

EVENT #2: Eric Suarez defeated 331 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$22,839

With the second tournament in the books, ten more ring events remain at Harrah's Philly.

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