

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Harrah's Philadelphia
Chester, PA
Event #9
Main Event Championship No Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$1,675
Total Entries: 336
Prize Pool: \$504,000
April 25-28, 2014**



Kyle Bowker Wins Harrah's Philadelphia Main Event

Bowker collects \$115,920 and earns a seat in the season-ending National Championship

Chester, PA (April 28, 2014) -- Kyle Bowker earned his first gold ring and \$115,920 in prize money Monday afternoon at Harrah's Philadelphia. The 31-year-old professional poker player from Walton, NY, has been a staple on the tournament circuit for about eight years, but this is his first win in a major live event. He came out on top of the field of 336 entries and earned himself a seat in the National Championship.

"Pretty awesome" is how he described feeling after the win. "I've come close a lot...it's hard to get a win," he said. The soft-spoken Bowker is looking forward to his first appearance in the National Championship next month. "I've been close a couple of times" he said, "that'll be cool".

"On the bubble I had ten big blinds and I doubled up, shoved all-in from the small blind with Q9...he had 7s and called. I doubled up. I was still kinda short, with 15-20 big blinds for the rest of the day," he said. Bowker arrived at the final table dead last in chips with fewer than 14 big blinds. "I got lucky the first hand, with A9 against AJ against Justin," he said, referring to Justin Liberto, his heads-up opponent. "Justin took more bad beats from two tables down in a tournament than I've ever seen anyone take...like 3 or 4 really bad ones. He kept his composure and played awesome". Liberto earned \$71,664 for second place.

Over the last nine years, Kyle Bowker has amassed more than \$2.1 million in live tournament earnings. His first big score was in the 2006 WSOP Main Event, where he finished 37th for \$247,399. He came close to a ring in 2009 when he finished 2nd in the Harrah's Atlantic City Circuit Main Event, earning \$128,357.

For the fourth consecutive year, Harrah's Philadelphia has hosted a Circuit series and it continues to draw some big names: November Niner Russell Thomas, WSOP bracelet holders Jeff Madsen, Loni Harwood, Ryan Eriqezzo, Ken 'Teach' Aldridge, David 'ODB' Baker, Eric 'basebaldy' Baldwin, and Dan Heimiller. All of them failed to make the money.

The Main Event was the 9th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Philadelphia. The \$1,675 Buy-In No-Limit Hold'em tournament featured two starting flights on Friday and Saturday, April 25th and 26th. The event drew a total of 336 entries with a maximum of two entries per player: 146 in Flight A, 182 in Flight B, and 8 more before the start of Day 2.

After playing 9 hours on Day 1, there were 47 advancing from Flight A, 60 advancing from Flight B, plus the 8 late registrants, making a total of 115 players starting Day 2.

Day 2 began at 2pm Sunday and after playing 14.5 hours, they reached the final table at about 4:30am and bagged up for the night. On Day 3, the final table began at 2pm with 12 minutes remaining in the 10k/20k/3k blind level and it was over a little over five hours later.

The total prize pool for this event came to \$504,000 and that was distributed to the final 36 players with a min-cash good for \$2,903. Notable names to make the money include Sean Lippel (30th), Kenny Nguyen (25th), Dennis Phillips (21st), Roland Israelashvili (18th), Joseph McKeechen (17th), Kunal Patel (15th), and Matt Stout (13th).

Also making the money was none other than recently crowned WPT World Championship winner Keven Stammen. Stammen, who won the prestigious event and \$1.35 million the night before, made the trek to Harrah's Philadelphia to buy in for a 12 big blind stack at the start of Day 2. He found an incredible triple up early in play and fought his way into the money, ultimately finishing in 32nd place for \$2,903.

Final table seating assignments and chip counts:

| <u>SEAT</u> | <u>PLAYER</u> | <u>CHIP COUNT</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Anthony Minniti | 589,000 |
| 2 | Kyle Bowker | 269,000 |
| 3 | Kevin Saul | 301,000 |
| 4 | David Bivins | 748,000 |
| 5 | Justin Liberto | 743,000 |
| 6 | Thomas Cannuli | 1,095,000 |
| 7 | Timothy West | 503,000 |
| 8 | Antonio Payne | 588,000 |
| 9 | Joe Kuether | 1,885,000 |

The final table was comprised of seven professional poker players, one semi-pro, and one amateur. There were three players at the table with WSOP Circuit rings. The chip leader coming in, Joe Kuether, has two rings, one of which was a Main Event ring from the Harrah's Rincon in 2012. Kevin Saul has one ring, and Antonio Payne has a brand new ring, won in Event #8 in the early morning hours of Friday, the day the Main Event began.

About the final table:

1st: Kyle Bowker - \$115,920
Hometown: Walton, NY
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$538,088
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$272,698

2nd: Justin Liberto - \$71,664
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$400,408
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$29,064

3rd: Joe Kuether - \$52,280
Hometown: Elm Grove, WI
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$572,360
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$199,618

4th: David Bivins Jr - \$38,778
Hometown: Browns Mills, NJ
Occupation: Retail Manager
WSOP earnings: \$4,010
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

5th: Kevin Saul - \$29,212
Hometown: Warrenville, IL
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$178,540
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$200,639

6th: Antonio Payne - \$22,342
Hometown: Hazlet, NJ
Occupation: American Airlines Crew Chief / Professional Photographer / Semi-Pro Poker Player
WSOP earnings: \$0
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$25,079

7th: Tim West - \$17,338
Hometown: Los Altos, CA
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$459,075
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$233,180

8th: Tom Cannuli - \$13,648
Hometown: N Cape May, NJ
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$1,797
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$0

9th: Anthony Minniti - \$10,896
Hometown: Tyler, TX
Occupation: Professional poker player
WSOP earnings: \$15,117
WSOP Circuit earnings: \$8,805

Final Table Results

| <u>PLACE</u> | <u>PLAYER</u> | <u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u> | <u>CASH EARNED</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Kyle Bowker | Walton, NY, US | \$115,920 |
| 2 | Justin Liberto | Fallston, MD, US | \$71,664 |
| 3 | Joe Kuether | ELM GROVE, WI, US | \$52,280 |
| 4 | David Bivins | Browns Mills, NJ, US | \$38,778 |
| 5 | Kevin Saul | Warrenville, IL, US | \$29,212 |
| 6 | Antonio Payne | Hazlet, NJ, US | \$22,342 |
| 7 | Timothy West | LOS ALTOS, CA, US | \$17,338 |
| 8 | Thomas Cannuli | Cape May, NJ, US | \$13,648 |
| 9 | Anthony Minniti | Tyler, TX, US | \$10,896 |

Complete results are available on WSOP.com.

Notes on the Event

- The last woman seated and the only woman to cash in the Main Event was Margareta Morris. She booked her first WSOP Circuit cash when she finished 35th for \$2,606.

- 2013 Harrah's Philly Main Event Champion Rex Clinkscales attempted to defend his title by firing two bullets, one into each starting flight. He was eliminated roughly halfway through Day 1B to dash his hopes of a repeat victory.

- There were no WSOP bracelet holders at this final table.

- The lone amateur at the final table, David Bivins Jr, booked his first-ever WSOP Circuit cash. Tom Cannuli is a cash game pro who also booked his first Circuit cash in this event.

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

EVENT #3: Joseph Mallon defeated 117 players (\$365 Turbo NLH) for \$10,530

EVENT #4: Phillip Hui defeated 76 players (\$580 NLH) for \$12,920

EVENT #5: Mohammad Farah defeated 63 players (\$365 HOSE) for \$6,615

EVENT #6: Ravi Shanmagum defeated 108 players (\$365 Six Max NLH) for \$9,720

EVENT #7: Staffan Lind defeated 63 players (\$365 Pot Limit Omaha) for \$6,615

EVENT #8: Antonio Payne defeated 88 players (\$580 NLH) for \$14,080

EVENT #9: Kyle Bowker defeated 336 players (\$1,675 Main Event NLH) for \$115,920

EVENT #10: Kenneth Flynn defeated 66 players (\$365 NLH) for \$6,930

EVENT #11: Lucas Picking defeated 88 players (\$365 Turbo NLH) for \$8,448

One final ring event remains, Event 12, \$365 Turbo No Limit Hold'em.

There are only two stops remaining on the 2013/2014 Circuit schedule. The Lodge Casino series in Colorado is already in progress and runs through May 5th. The final stop on this season's tour is at Harrah's New Orleans and runs May 8th through May 19th. For more information, please visit <http://www.wsop.com/2013/circuit/>.

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