

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 11  
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City  
Atlantic City, N.J.  
Event #7  
No-Limit Hold'em Six Max  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 238  
Prize Pool: \$71,400  
Dec. 17-18, 2014**



## **Lippel Returns to the Game in Style**

**Sean Lippel wins his first tournament after a seven month break from poker.**

**Atlantic City, N.J. (December 18, 2014)** -- Sean Lippel has won Event #7 – \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max to earn \$19,278 and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring. This was the first tournament Lippel has played in the last seven months because of his schooling. Lippel is an MBA student at Colombia University.

“I played online a couple of times during that [seven][month] stretch, but not much because school is super busy and I am working at the same time,” said Lippel about his long break from poker. “I felt like controlling my movements and stuff felt a little rusty at first, but it’s like riding a bike. Once you start doing it, you get back into it.”

Lippel has had a lot of success playing WSOP events. This marks his 12th WSOP cash and his third largest WSOP cash ever. Last year Lippel made the final table of the National Championship, but was eliminated in ninth place by the eventual champion, Dominik Nitsche. He took home \$31,865 for his ninth place finish.

Lippel’s largest WSOP cash came last year at the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Circuit Main Event. He finished in third place for \$47,647 and just missed out on a gold ring.

“I got knocked out of the tournament in a really unfortunate way,” said Lippel about his near miss in Southern Indiana. “I was really looking for the ring, so this is a nice redemption from the last tournament.”

The six max event is one of the tougher tournaments to win on the Circuit because of the fast paced nature of the game. Lippel said that strong players have much more of an edge in a six max tournament format. He also acknowledged that he was fortunate enough to have his big pocket pairs hold throughout the event to help him win the gold ring.

Lippel plans to play this weekend’s Main Event before returning back to school. A victory in the Main Event would earn him a seat back to the National Championship in consecutive years.

Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max tournament attracted 238 players generating a \$71,400 prize pool. The top 24 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday at noon and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Thursday at 3 p.m. with seven players remaining. The tournament concluded at 6:30 p.m.

Notes on the event:

- John Jones (third place) was at his third final table of the series. He now holds the lead in Casino Championship race through the first seven events.
- Event #1 winner, Malik Boney (22nd place), cashed in his third event of the series.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

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 National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's Resort Atlantic City:

EVENT #1: Malik Boney defeated 250 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$18,369  
EVENT #2: Derek Blenman defeated 521 players (\$365 NLHE Re-entry) for \$33,606  
EVENT #3: John Jones defeated 114 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$17,100  
EVENT #4: Jeffrey Jarosz defeated 243 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$17,859  
EVENT #5: Brian Zekus defeated 120 players (\$365 Omaha 8) for \$10,801  
EVENT #6: Daniel Charette defeated 159 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$12,877  
EVENT #7: Sean Lippel defeated 238 players (\$365 NLHE 6 Max) for \$19,278

With the seventh tournament wrapped up, only five more ring events remain at the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City series.

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