

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #12
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 125
Prize Pool: \$37,500
March 26, 2016**



Bud Novin Wins Final Gold Ring of Series

Finance professional from New York earns \$10,500 for a day of work in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (March 27, 2016) — Bud Novin is the champion of Event #12, defeating a field of 125 entries to win his first gold ring and the \$10,500 top prize.

Novin is, “Thirty, handsome, and single,” as he described himself, and he works in finance in Manhattan. “I am *not* a professional poker player, even though most people lie,” he laughed. “I play a game in the city maybe once a month. I’ve played maybe three or four tournaments before.”

The urge struck on the morning of the event, though. “Listen, I didn’t sleep last night,” he admitted after his win. “So at 5:00 a.m. I looked to see if there were any tournaments in A.C. today. I took a cab to Port Authority, and I made it here for registration.”

The champ talks fast and plays even faster, and his self-admitted lack of patience can be an asset at times in a turbo event. “I like the way that it speeds up quickly,” he said. “Honestly, it didn’t feel turbo. I don’t have that much patience, but for a one-day thing like this...”

When the final table began, there were two big stacks out front and the remaining seven bunched fairly tightly a long way behind them. Novin was one of those in the chase pack, but he quickly mounted his charge. “I had a few good bluffs. I caught a few great hands. I missed the landmines and caught the stuff that mattered,” he said.

By the time they were six-handed, Novin was in control. “I had an overwhelming majority of the chips,” he explained with a hint of exaggeration. “There was just no way any of them were going to catch up to me. I was playing really well, and they all recognized it.”

It was over very soon thereafter, and Novin held up quad aces as he posed for winner’s photos. “I got a pretty, new, gold ring to go with my gold watch and my gold chain,” he said.

Event #12 was the twelfth and final gold ring event on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Atlantic City. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo event drew a field of 125 entries, generating a prizepool worth \$37,500. The final 15 players finished in the money.

The tournament began at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, and the final hand was dealt around 10:00 p.m.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's Atlantic City's 12 ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large bids. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

All rings at Harrah's Atlantic City are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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