

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Harrah's Atlantic City
Atlantic City, New Jersey
Event #7
Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 83
Prize Pool: \$24,900
March 15, 2017**



Omaha 8 Victory For Matt Paoletti

Matt Paoletti takes break from online poker scene to win first Circuit gold ring.

Atlantic City, New Jersey (March 16, 2017) – The World Series of Poker Circuit at Harrah's Atlantic City had a single Omaha title up for grabs and Matt Paoletti seized the accolade. The 25-year-old carved through 83 entrants in Event #7: \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better, eventually claiming his first WSOP gold ring and \$7,968.

Predominantly an online player, Paoletti admitted to hitting a pretty large down swing in his poker fortune the last few months. However, as recently as Sunday, his luck has made a complete 180.

“Online, I’ve cashed for about \$15,000 in the past four days,” said Paoletti. “So, you know, I thought I’d take a little break, play an event I’d have fun with.”

Paoletti chose to enter in a rarer game type offered, and one that he enjoys playing. The virtual poker realm does not provide a very large selection of Omaha competition.

“I don’t get the opportunity to play this a lot, and I do enjoy, especially Circuit events like this, how they have tournaments you can’t play online... The O-8 type stuff, I love that,” Paoletti expressed.

Trying his hand at a live WSOP tournament proved momentous for Paoletti, even though Omaha Hi-Lo is not his strongest form of poker.

“To be honest, this is not my specialty at all,” Paoletti acknowledged. “But I mean, winning this man, when you run hot, you run hot, and that’s what really happened today.”

Running hot may even be an understatement for Paoletti’s Day 2 performance. The Pennsylvania native was down to his last 14,000 in chips when there were around 13 players left. After doubling up twice, he took off like a rocket.

Paoletti scored a double knockout to send Event #7 to a final table, where he was the outright chip leader with 187,000 to his name. From there, he went on to take out majority of the final nine competitors and eventually held every chip in play.

The Harrah's Atlantic City Main Event is just around the corner. Paoletti said he is now inclined to take a shot at it and see if his heater will stay the course.

Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harrah's Atlantic City. The \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better tournament attracted 83 players generating a \$24,900 prizepool. The top 9 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

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 Global Casino 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 the Harrah's Atlantic City series:

EVENT #1: Freddy Ferrell defeated 232 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$17,401
EVENT #2: Phillip Levine defeated 573 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$36,106
EVENT #3: Nick Bevilacqua defeated 260 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$19,110
EVENT #4: John Iraj defeated 129 players (\$580 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$18,062
EVENT #5: Daniel Swift defeated 232 players (\$365 NLHE Six Max) for \$18,789
EVENT #6: Daniel Buzgon defeated 197 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$15,366
EVENT #7: Matt Paoletti defeated 83 players (\$365 Omaha 8) for \$7,968

This was the seventh gold ring handed out at the Harrah's Atlantic City series. Five more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Harrah's Atlantic City series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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