

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Harrah's Atlantic City
Atlantic City, New Jersey
Event #12
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 101
Prize Pool: \$30,300
March 20, 2017**



Daniel Buzgon Goes Two For Two In Turbos

After winning first gold ring in Event #6, Daniel Buzgon goes on to win turbo number two and become Casino Champion.

Atlantic City, New Jersey (March 21, 2017) – It was déjà vu Monday night at the Harrah's Atlantic City Circuit stop. Daniel Buzgon found himself atop, yet another turbo event, claiming his second World Series of Poker gold ring in less than a week. Buzgon defeated 101 entrants in Event #12: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Re-Entry to win \$9,089.

Even though the game type was the same as his debut Circuit-title victory, it was no ordinary conquest this time around.

“No, not similar at all. This one was a turbo, bounty, knockout kind of tournament because of the National Championship seat implications,” explained Buzgon. “The only reason I am playing today is because of, trying to win Casino Champion, and it was crazy how it came down.”

Aside from attempting to win a Circuit title, there was a separate and, presumably, more significant chess match at hand during the final ring event of the series. Going into the last two tables of the tournament, there were four players left who had viable shots at Casino Champion.

“It was a whole cluster of things that you usually don't have to worry about, but are much more important,” said Buzgon.

The leader, Edward Duncan, and second in points, Paul Cogliano, both went bust before the final table. This opened the door for Buzgon to claim the Casino Championship with a solid finish. However, he still had one adversary in the hunt, Vinny Pahuja.

Pahuja was in an almost identical situation as Buzgon. He had to finish in the top half of the competitors, and ahead of Buzgon in the process. The scenario created a problematic final table for Buzgon.

“Vinny shoved and I had a really good hand and I didn't know what to do, pretty much because of all the side action riding,” Buzgon elaborated. “It was a lot more stressful this time around, but I ran just as well, so it didn't really matter.”

Buzgon ran away with the turbo-style tournament in the end, ultimately seizing his second gold ring, and Casino Champion honors in the process. The New Jersey resident is now holds rights to an automatic bid to the Global Casino Championship, a seat worth \$10,000. The longtime poker player has never played in the GCC.

“I’ve heard good things... So, I’m excited,” Buzgon said.

Event #12 was the twelfth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harrah’s Atlantic City. The \$365 No-Limit Hold’em Turbo Re-Entry tournament attracted 101 players generating a \$30,300 prizepool. The top 12 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
EVENT #8: Vinny Pahuja defeated 164 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$13,284
EVENT #10: Christopher Lim defeated 111 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$9,989
EVENT #11: Frank Toscano defeated 96 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$14,400
EVENT #12: Daniel Buzgon defeated 101 players (\$365 NLHE Tubro) for \$9,089

This was the twelfth gold ring handed out at the Harrah’s Atlantic City series. All twelve Circuit titles have now been claimed.

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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