



2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Seven
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Ring Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$350
Total Entries: 543
Total Prize Pool: \$158,013
December 7-8, 2010

Final Results:

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
1	Alex Rocha	Long Island	NY	\$33,183
2	James Boyd	Martinsburg	WV	\$20,524
3	Grantel Gibbs	Whitby	ON	\$15,008
4	Eric Lisica	Glen Buinic	MD	\$11,137
5	Nina DiPrima	Kenilworth	NJ	\$8,379
6	Dustin Bradley	Wellington	FL	\$6,392
7	Chris Schor	Philadelphia	PA	\$4,943
8	Mark Shaffery	Odenton	MD	\$3,874
9	Eric Breuer	Downingtown	PA	\$3,078
10	Michael Dellaratto	Tucherton	NJ	\$2,478
11	Julio Estevez	Hackensack	NY	\$2,478
12	Dat Nguyen	Falls Church	VA	\$2,478
13	Joseph Cramer	Carlisle	PA	\$2,019
14	Aaron Mermelstein	Philadelphia	PA	\$2,019
15	Michael Forca	Babylon	NY	\$2,019
16	David Groth	Jackson Heights	NY	\$1,667
17	William Dollar	Raleigh	NC	\$1,667
18	Joshua Plummer	Salisbury	NC	\$1,667
19	Matthew Mazzeo	East Williston	NY	\$1,394
20	Anthony Garofola	Greensburg	PA	\$1,394
21	Craig Panella	Manalapan	NJ	\$1,394
22	Trenton Brown	Watervliet	NY	\$1,180
23	Seng Yang	Oakboro	NC	\$1,180
24	Aaron Lashlee	Dillon	MT	\$1,180
25	Michael Dentale	Brooklyn	NY	\$1,011
26	Andrew Ritin	Boontoro	NJ	\$1,011
27	Ben Bouchard	Tollard	CT	\$1,011
28	Jason Young	Suffern	NY	\$877
29	Joseph Miranda	Bethpage	NY	\$877
30	Robert Radziemski	Blackwood	NJ	\$877
31	Ting Xiao	Frederick	MD	\$771

32	Gregory Kolo	Rocky River	OH	\$771
33	John Regan	Fairfax	VA	\$771
34	Benjamin Keepfler	Toledo	OH	\$686
35	Robert Levin	Wilmington	DE	\$686
36	Marc Mascaio	Somerville		\$686
37	Jason Liberman			\$616
38	Russell Boyker	Houston	TX	\$616
39	William Babazadch	Columbia	MD	\$616
40	Michelle Hughes	Martinsburg	WV	\$616
41	Charles Fucher	West Chester	PA	\$616
42	Stephen Birk	Huntingdon Valley	PA	\$616
43	Dan Delsignore	Carneys Point	NJ	\$616
44	Steven Oxler	Moorestown	NJ	\$616
45	Diego Lomanto	Astoria	NY	\$616
46	Thomas Milmore	Stony Point	NY	\$561
47	Joseph Alexander	Franklinville	NJ	\$561
48	Kirk Tyler	Ocean Pines	MD	\$561
49	David King	Brooklyn	NY	\$561
50	Frank Rzik	Manalapan	NJ	\$561
51	Gregory Rudolph	Oceanside	NY	\$561
52	Edward Shade	Hurricane	WV	\$561
53	Donald Vogel	Laurel Hollow	NY	\$561
54	Michael Kissling	Port Orange	FL	\$561
55	Paul Lambrakis	Brooklyn	NY	\$517
56	Matthew Lischke	Norcross	GA	\$517
57	Mark Clement	Erial	NJ	\$517
58	Patrick O'Donnell	Columbia	MD	\$517
59	David Bedenbaugh	Prosperity	SC	\$517
60	Michael Somsanith	Galloway	NJ	\$517
61	Mustafa Ali	Salisbury	MD	\$517
62	Justin Tobin	Holland	PA	\$517
63	David Heck	Colts Neck	NJ	\$517

Alex Rocha Wins WSOP Circuit Ring Event #3 at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City

Win Puts Rocha atop National Circuit Championship Points Leader board for Harrah's AC

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ – Alex Rocha, a 21-year-old former actor and student from Long Island, NY is the winner of Ring Event #3 at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City.

The Tuesday-start, \$350 buy-in No Limit Hold'em Event drew 543 players, generating a prize pool of \$158,013.

38 of those players returned on day two to play for the \$33,183 first place prize, the coveted WSOP Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the million-dollar Circuit National Championship to be held in May at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. It took about six hours for play to come down to the final nine.

Name	Hometown	Seat	Chip Count
Eric Lisica	Baltimore, MD	1	1,500,000
Alex Rocha	Long Island, NY	2	608,000
Eric Breuer	Downingtown, PA	3	238,000
Jim Boyd	Martinsburg, WV	4	310,000
Mark Shaffery	Odenton, MD	5	710,000
Nina DiPrima	Kenilworth	6	263,000
Dustin Bradley	Tampa, FL	7	535,000
Grantel Gibbs	Canada	8	625,000
Christopher Schor	Philadelphia, PA	9	530,000

9th Place – Play got underway at about 7:30 pm with blinds and antes at 10,000/20,000/3,000. Early action was slow going for about the first hour and a half, but livened up with a monster three-way hand. Eric Breuer moved all-in for 250,000 and got a call from Mark Shaffery. Grantel Gibbs moved all in over the top for 555,000 before jumping up out of his seat in anticipation of the action to come. “This is how we roll baby, if I’m going out, I’m going out fighting!” he shouted while Shaffrey deliberated over making the call. Shaffrey eventually pulled the trigger and turned over [Ad][Kh]. Breuer showed [Kd][Qd] and Gibbs flipped over [Jh][Js].

The flop came down [5d][8s][Jc], putting Gibbs farther ahead of his opponents with the flopped set. The [Ks] created a bit of tension, but it was short-lived when the [8d] hit the river. Breuer was eliminated in ninth place and Shaffery was left nursing four big blinds. Breuer is a 44-year-old self-employed landscaper from Downingtown, PA. His second-ever Circuit Event appearance, grossed him \$3,078.

Shaffery busted soon after on an all-in with K-3 vs. Jim Boyd's K-8. Shaffrey, a 33-year old pool builder from Odenton, MD pocketed \$3,874 for eighth.

7th Place – Christopher Schor was the next to bust after running A-4 into Eric Lisica's pocket kings. Kings held on the jack-high board, sending Schor on his way. For seventh place, the 29-year-old musician from Philadelphia, PA was paid to the tune of \$4,943.

6th Place – It was a battle of the blinds for Grantel Gibbs and Dustin Bradley. Bradley was all in for his tournament life from the small with [Jd][7s] vs. Gibbs' [Ks][4s]. The board paired both players' pocket face cards, giving Gibbs the pot and eliminating Bradley. The 21-year-old former veterinary technician from Tampa, FL earned \$6,392 for sixth. Blinds moved up shortly after to 15,000/30,000.

Gibbs was animated for much of the night, both in his demeanor and play, the former much to the enjoyment of his tablemates while the latter not so much. In one amazing hand, Gibbs and Lisica were heads up on a [8c][Qd][2c] flop Gibbs bet 30k, Lisica raised to 115,000 and Gibbs called.

Gibbs checked on fourth street almost before the [5s] even hit the felt. Lisica fired out 172,000 but was taken aback when Gibbs made it 400,000 more to go. “I read the same book you did!” Gibbs cajoled.

“This doesn’t make any sense,” mumbled Lisica, before calling the massive check-raise.

“I bet 750,000 blind!” Gibbs announced to the table in a slight Caribbean accent. The river came down the [Qh] and after a few moments, Lisica laid down his hand. (Gibbs later claimed to have held pocket eights in the hand.)

5th Place – DiPrima was all-in for his tournament life on a coin flip holding pocket tens vs. Lisica's A-K off. The flop came down ace high and with no help on the turn or river, DiPrima's tournament run was over. Originally from Italy, Palma is 47-years-old and lives in Kenilworth. Having recently survived a heart attack, he decided to take time off from his two jobs to come out to Atlantic City to play in the WSOP Circuit Events. For his fifth place finish, he pocketed \$8,379.

4th Place – Over two hours passed before the next player was eliminated. With blinds now at 25,000/50,000, Rocha limped UTG and action folded around to Lisica in the big blind. Lisica raised all-in and Rocha made the call. Lisica showed [Jh][Kc] and Rocha turned over [7d][Ad]. The flop improved neither player's hand, sending Lisica to the rail. Lisica is a 23-year-old longshoreman from Baltimore, MD who plays poker semi-professionally. Fourth place paid \$11,137.

3rd Place – The 12 hours that went by since the start of day two play seemed to take its toll on Gibbs. His calm and subdued demeanor bore no resemblance to that of the energetic and comical player that sat in the eight seat a few hours earlier.

In a hand that he later admitted was the result of a lapse in judgment, he moved all in with [Ad][9h] and was called by Rocha holding pocket jacks. The jacks held and Gibbs tournament run was over. Gibbs is a 39-year-old chemical engineer from Ontario, Canada originally from Jamaica. He is a former two-time national chess champion in his native country. Third place was worth \$15,008.

2nd Place – Heads up play began shortly before 1:30 am with With a dominating chip lead over his final opponent, heads up action was short with Rocha all-in with Q-J vs. suited 6-5 for Boyd. The ace high board missed both players, giving Rocha his first live major tournament win. Jim Boyd is a tried and true member of poker's old guard and has played with the best of them included the late Stu Ungar. The 57-year-old from Martinsburg, VA has over a million in lifetime tournament earnings with his first major tournament cash taking place back in 1989 World Series of Poker. Second place paid \$20,524.

At 21, Rocha represents poker's new guard and is quite optimistic for what the future holds. His immediate future is quite bright as his win tonight puts him at the top of the WSOP Circuit National Championship points leader board for Harrah's Resort Atlantic City.

This year, all players on the WSOP Circuit can accumulate points which are used to qualify towards the WSOP Circuit National Championship tournament, to be held in May 2011 in Las Vegas. The \$1 million freeroll tournament will be nationally televised and will be open to only 100 qualifiers. For the first time ever, a WSOP gold bracelet will be presented to the winner. One of the ways to qualify is to be crowned Casino Champion by earning the most points through the ten ring events at each Circuit Stop. Rocha says he is determined to earn that distinction.

See the complete Harrah's Resort Atlantic City Circuit schedule and previous results [here](#). The WSOP Circuit at Harrah's runs through December 22nd. You can find the complete [2010/2011 WSOP CIRCUIT SCHEDULE](#) [here](#).

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