

2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit Season Eight Harrah's Philadelphia Event #6 Pot-Limit Hold'em/Omaha Buy-In: \$345 Total Entries: 95

Total Prize Pool: \$27,645 May 2 – May 3, 2012

Final Results:

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Name</u>	Hometown	<u>Prize</u>
1	Alan Engel	Las Vegas, NV	\$8,292
2	Brian Woods	Lutherville, MD	\$5,126
3	Dejuante Alexander	Houston, TX	\$3,650
4	Anthony Zinno	Boston, MA	\$2,651
5	Brent Carter	Oak Park, IL	\$1,964
6	Stephen Bent	Springfield, PA	\$1,483
7	Eric Doerr	Newark, DE	\$1,140
8	Eric Miller	Seaford, NY	\$893
9	Robert Bresner	New York, NY	\$712
10	Everett Carlton	St Paul, MN	\$578
11	Christopher Lallier	West Chester, PA	\$578
12	Scott Davies	Las Vegas. NV	\$578

Ari Engel Picks up Third WSOPC Gold Ring at Harrah's Philadelphia in Event #6

Las Vegas Pro Eyes Small-Field PLH/PLO Event for National Championship Points and Comes Away with the Win

CHESTER, PA – Ari Engel knows how to pick his spots. The notable poker pro and instructor from Las Vegas, NV exhibits this tenet of the game on the felt and emphasizes it in his coaching. However, to say that he picked his spot at the World Series of Poker Circuit Events at Harrah's Philadelphia is an understatement.

You see, with just 32.5 points, well below the cutoff for earning a seat into the \$1 million WSOP National Championship, Engel made sure to play in the one event that he knew he would have the best chance at earning points toward a qualifying seat.

Unfortunately for the 94 other players who registered, that tournament was the \$345 buy-in Mixed Pot-Limit Hold'em/Omaha event.

And just like that, Ari did what he set out to do. Fly into Philadelphia International Airport, hop a shuttle to Harrah's Philadelphia, and ship Event #6.

"We've been grinding all week and (explicative) Ari comes here, plays in one event and takes it down, unreal," an anonymous player was heard grumbling after Engel's win.

For some players, it's like that.

With the win, Ari picked up 50 points putting him at a total of 82.5. While Ari's seat to the National Championship is now in sight, three others who joined him at the final table stormed their way to the top of the WSOP National Championship points leader board.

Dejuante Alexander, a 27-year-old semi professional poker player from Houston, TX, finished third in this event. Alexander, who had 105 points going into this event is now well into the "safe zone" with a total of 142.5.

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Engel joins four previous Ring Event winners in second place for the Harrah's Philadelphia Casino Championship. Ryan Gentry, winner of Event #4, sits at the top of the points leader board at 60 after cashing in another event.

The Casino Champion is the player who earns the most points through the 12 events at Harrah's Philadelphia. This player will earn an automatic seat to the \$1 million WSOP Circuit National Championship to be held in late May. More information about the WSOPC National Championship can be found here. An explanation of the points system can be found here.

Still to come are 6 events. See the complete Harrah's Philadelphia Circuit schedule and event results here. The WSOP Circuit Events at Harrah's Philadelphia runs through May 7th. You can find the complete 2011/2012 WSOP CIRCUIT SCHEDULE here.

*100 top WSOP and WSOP Europe qualifiers have been invited to buy into the WSOP National championship, resulting in a potential prize pool of upwards of \$2,000,000. More info at: http://bit.ly/y2YwU8

MORE ABOUT THE WSOP CIRCUIT AT HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA

Harrah's Philadelphia is a casino and racetrack located in Philadelphia, PA -- about 15 minutes south of Philadelphia International Airport. It is the 16th (of 17) WSOP Circuit host properties. Harrah's New Orleans is the last remaining stop of the 2011-2012 WSOPC season.

This marks the second season that the WSOP Circuit has visited Harrah's Philadelphia.

Harrah's Philadelphia first opened in 2007, offering slot games and horse racing. Table games were introduced to the casino in 2010 after they were legalized by the state of Pennsylvania.

Harrah's Philadelphia originally opened as Harrah's Chester, but is currently in the process of rebranding itself as Harrah's Philadelphia, which is expected to be complete on May 1st.

Harrah's Philadelphia's "12 Rings in 12 Days" series is taking place April 25-May 7. Tournaments are held in the ballroom located on the second floor of the casino. Cash games can be found in the poker room next to the race book also located on the second floor.

Each Ring Event Final Table will be streamed live from the final table stage area in the ballroom. The live stream can be accessed at: http://www.wsop.com/2011/circuit/live-video/. Because final table start times are tentative, viewers should follow the WSOP on Twitter @wsop to be notified when live streams begin.

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