



**2012-2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Caesars Palace
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$580
Total Entries: 198
Total Prize Pool: \$99,000
February 17 – February 18, 2013**

Idris Gencoglu Wins Circuit Event 11 at Caesars Palace

Aspiring Vancouver poker pro clinches Casino Championship and a seat to the WSOP National Championship

LAS VEGAS, NV – With Casino Championship contenders seated at each of the three WSOP Circuit Final Tables running simultaneously in the Caesars Palace poker room, the various scenarios of who could come away with the title almost seemed endless.

One of those contenders, Idris Gencoglu, a 34-year-old aspiring poker pro from Vancouver, BC, Canada, put a quick end to all the conjecture by sealing the win in Event #11, \$580 No-Limit Hold'em.

For the win, Gencoglu was awarded \$25,740, the gold ring and 50 points toward his bid for Casino Champion. With a runner up finish in Event 4, \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em (\$28,533), Gencoglu took Casino Champion honors with a total of 87.5 points.

Gencoglu, edged out Wisconsin poker pro, Joe Kuether, who finished 4th (\$8,432) in this event. Kuether was the casino champion points leader to start the Final Table but fell short to Gencoglu by 2.5 points.

"This is indescribable, said Gencoglu of winning Event 11 and taking the Caesars Casino Championship.

Gencoglu, who plays poker online and at the various card rooms around Vancouver, says things weren't always on the up and up.

"I've struggled in this game for many years, I had doubts so many times, but I never gave up."

Although the Turkish-born aspiring pro never quit pursuing his poker dreams, he forced himself to take a break from playing cards to reevaluate his play and attitude toward the game.

"It was very good for me," said Gencoglu of his decision to step away for a while. "I was able to get really get my head into the game and learn to trust myself and that made such a big difference."

Gencoglu brought his newfound outlook with him to the Caesars Palace Circuit Events and after coming away with over \$53,000 in earnings and a seat in the WSOP National championship, he's sure to trust himself even more in the future.

The Casino Champion is the player who earns the most points through the 12 events at Caesars Palace. This player will earn an automatic seat to the WSOP Circuit National Championship to be held May 21 – May 23 at Harrah's New Orleans. More information about the WSOPC National Championship can be found [here](#). An explanation of the points system can be found [here](#).

1 event is still to come. See the complete Caesars Palace Circuit schedule and event results [here](#). The WSOP Circuit Events at Caesars Palace runs through February 18th. You can find the complete 2012-2013 WSOP Circuit schedule [here](#).

Final table results:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Idris Gencoglu	VANCOUVER, BC, CA	\$25,740
2	Mohammad Abedi-Arani	PLANO, TX, US	\$15,900
3	Clifton Allen	CAMARILLO, CA, US	\$11,481
4	Joe Kuether	ELM GROVE, WI, US	\$8,432
5	Victor Chan	Vancouver, BC, CA	\$6,299
6	Joshua Suyat	KAHULUI, HI, US	\$4,787
7	Brett Shaffer	BELOIT, KS, US	\$3,698
8	Stacey Nutini	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$2,904
9	Pradeep Buddharaju	HOUSTON, TX, US	\$2,317

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