

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Harrah's Resort
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #4
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 388
Prize Pool: \$116,400
December 3-4, 2013**



Paul Avilla Emerges as Unlikely Victor

WSOP's newest winner transforms a less-than-one-big-blind stack into \$25K.

Atlantic City, NJ (December 4, 2013) — Paul Avilla found himself alone at the feature table Wednesday night at Harrah's Resort. Each of the eight seats around him were once filled by dreamers hoping to turn their umpteen-big-blind stacks into a gold ring. Hours later though, Avilla was all by himself.

The Westport, MA resident was the last man standing of the 388-player starting field in Event 4 a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament. He earned \$25,605, a Circuit gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

As Avilla sat there behind his mountain of chips and a shiny gold ring, bearing his teeth for the camera he couldn't help but think back to the previous day's play.

"I had 400 chips yesterday afternoon," he remembered. "I didn't even have a small blind. I had an ante and 300 chips. I was in blind and ended up with 1,800 chips out of the deal."

While no one would claim to be comfortable with less than a big blind in front of them, Avilla fancies himself a short stack ninja of sorts. Exhibit A of this was the heads-up duel against William Krooss-Tadas.

Based on chip stacks alone, Avilla was certainly an underdog. Krooss-Tadas seemed to be playing with a sort of recklessness, but every time it came to showdown, he had it. No doubt Avilla had a tough test in front of him.

"I don't usually have a huge amount of chips," Avilla said. "I tend to play conservatively. I'm used to being at a chip disadvantage."

In true ninja form, Avilla picked his spot and doubled off Krooss-Tadas before closing the book on his first gold ring victory. The second-place finish marked Krooss-Tadas' second final table of 2013/2014 and awarded him \$15,825.

The win marks Avilla's second career in-the-money finish at Harrah's Atlantic City. His first came in the form of a third-place finish in a \$350 event in 2010.

Joining Avilla in the money were two-time ring winner Phil Hui (41st), East Coast pro DJ Mackinnon (17th) and Jamie Kerstetter (11th).

The finish marked Kerstetter's third cash of the series and came as no surprise. With cashes in each of her first three events, she looks to break the record she set in 2011 with five cashes at the Atlantic City series.

Event 4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 388 entries generating a \$116,400 prize pool. The top 45 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 12 p.m. and concluded at the end of Level 21 with 11 players remaining. Day 2 began at Wednesday at 2 p.m. and it took just a few minutes to reach the nine-handed final table. Avilla was a gold ring winner by 7:15 p.m.

Notes on the Event

- WSOP.com launched its real-money gaming client in New Jersey on November 21. A mobile app for iPhone and iPad users followed about two weeks later.
- New WSOP.com sign ups at Harrah's Resort receive entry into a \$250,000 freeroll set to take place in January, a \$10 account credit and entry into a drawing for a seat in the follow day's ring event.
- Satellites into Harrah's Resort ring events are available on WSOP.com.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's Resort's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large National 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 Harrah's Resort:

EVENT #1: Raymond Papperman defeated 383 players (\$365 NLH) for \$25,282

EVENT #2: Tod Liang defeated 483 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$31,159

EVENT #3: Brian O'Donoghue defeated 192 players (\$580 NLH) for \$24,957

EVENT #4: Paul Avilla defeated 388 players (\$365 NLH) for \$25,605

With the fourth tournament wrapped, eight more ring events remain at Harrah's Resort.

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