

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Harrah's Philadelphia
Chester, PA
Event #11
Turbo No Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 88
Prize Pool: \$26,400
April 27, 2014**



Lucas Picking Wins First Gold Ring at Harrah's Philadelphia

Chester, PA (April 28, 2014) -- Lucas Picking, a bar manager from North Brunswick, won his first WSOP Circuit ring in the next-to-last ring event of the Harrah's Philadelphia Circuit series. The win was good for \$8,448. "It feels great!" he said. "Just to get into the money, let alone win one is really good. A ring is something I've been eyeing for a long time. Happy to get one."

He's been playing tournament poker for about eight years and he's had "a few deep runs, nothing serious" until now. In his own words, he described how the event went after busting out of the previous tournament:

"I late regged the morning tournament..bluffed off a 100 big blind stack and was steaming really bad coming into the Turbo...kinda just slowly chipping up until I got hot at the final table. I came in with ten big blinds...texted my buddy Rob and he reminded me how to play a short stack."

He found himself heads-up against Julian Sacks after playing for over eleven and a half hours. Picking had a 1.5:1 chip lead and the match was over in about a half hour. Sacks took home \$5,221 for second place.

The 3pm start time for this event helped draw in more players that had busted out of earlier events. There were a total of 88 entries for a prize pool of \$26,400. The final nine players got paid. There were some very experienced players at this final table, including Matthew Chang, who has one Circuit ring from another Turbo event and has racked up 26 cashes on the Circuit. He finished in 4th place. Ring bearers Craig Bergeron and DJ MacKinnon also made the final table, finishing 6th and 7th, respectively.

Picking travels the Circuit, as long as it is within a five-hour drive of his home. He made the trek to the WSOP last summer and played three events. "I did terrible," he said, but that just inspired him to improve his game.

Final Results

| <u>PLACE</u> | <u>PLAYER</u> | <u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u> | <u>CASH EARNED</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Lucas Picking | North Brunswick, NJ, US | \$8,448 |
| 2 | Julian Sacks | Ridgewood, NJ, US | \$5,221 |
| 3 | Jonathan Cachola | Wayne, NJ, US | \$3,655 |
| 4 | Matthew Chang | Rockville, MD, US | \$2,662 |
| 5 | Cong Le | Springfield, VA, US | \$1,959 |
| 6 | Craig Bergeron | Novi, MI, US | \$1,463 |
| 7 | DJ MacKinnon | East Amherst, NY, US | \$1,173 |
| 8 | Laurence Wolf | Annapolis, MD, US | \$978 |
| 9 | Richard Ingersoll | Hilton Head Island, SC, US | \$841 |

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's Philadelphia's twelve gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Bally's Atlantic City May 22nd - 24th.

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 Philadelphia:

EVENT #1: Akib Ali defeated 123 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,332
EVENT #2: Eric Suarez defeated 331 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$22,839
EVENT #3: Joseph Mallon defeated 117 players (\$365 Turbo NLH) for \$10,530
EVENT #4: Phillip Hui defeated 76 players (\$580 NLH) for \$12,920
EVENT #5: Mohammad Farah defeated 63 players (\$365 HOSE) for \$6,615
EVENT #6: Ravi Shanmagum defeated 108 players (\$365 Six Max NLH) for \$9,720
EVENT #7: Staffan Lind defeated 63 players (\$365 Pot Limit Omaha) for \$6,615
EVENT #8: Antonio Payne defeated 88 players (\$580 NLH) for \$14,080
MAIN EVENT #9: Kyle Bowker defeated 336 players (\$1,675 Main Event NLH) for \$115,920
EVENT #10: Kenneth Flynn defeated 66 players (\$365 NLH) for \$6,930
EVENT #11: Lucas Picking defeated 88 players (\$365 Turbo NLH) for \$8,448

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