

**2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 11
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Atlantic City, N.J.
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)
Total Entries: 159
Prize Pool: \$79,500
Dec. 18-19, 2014**



Andrew Salamone Takes Down Event #8

Amateur poker player from Flushing, New York wins Event #8 for \$21,467

Atlantic City, N.J. (December 19, 2014) -- Winning one ring is impressive, but especially for players who only play a few times per year. Andrew Salamone says he only plays six to ten tournaments per year. He was able to find a first place finish in one of the few tournaments he played in this year by winning Event #8 – \$580 No-Limit Hold'em. He earned his first gold ring and \$21,467 for his winning effort.

“I wanted to win,” said Salamone “The money don’t matter, I wanted the ring.”

Salamone had to survive a long heads-up battle that took more than an hour long. He said that he was patient with his spots. He folded and folded and finally caught ace-king against his opponent’s king-queen. His hand held up and the long heads-up battle was finally over with Salamone as the winner.

Salamone is from Flushing, New York. He says that out of the tournaments he has played this year, he has final tabled a couple of them, but this was the first win.

The final table included two gold ring winners in Joseph McKeehen (seventh place) and James Dorrance (eighth place). McKeehen won the Main Event at this stop in 2013 for his first of two gold rings.

Event #8 was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah’s Resort Atlantic City in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The \$580 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 159 players generating a \$79,500 prize pool. The top 18 players were paid.

Day 1 began Thursday at noon and lasted 18 levels. Day 2 began Friday at 1 p.m. with nine players remaining. The tournament concluded Friday at 7:15 p.m.

Notes on the event:

- It was the top three finishers first ever WSOP cash.

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

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship 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 Atlantic City:

EVENT #1: Malik Boney defeated 250 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$18,369
EVENT #2: Derek Blenman defeated 521 players (\$365 NLHE Re-entry) for \$33,606
EVENT #3: John Jones defeated 114 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$17,100
EVENT #4: Jeffrey Jarosz defeated 243 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$17,859
EVENT #5: Brian Zekus defeated 120 players (\$365 Omaha 8) for \$10,801
EVENT #6: Daniel Charette defeated 159 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$12,877
EVENT #7: Sean Lippel defeated 238 players (\$365 NLHE 6 Max) for \$19,278
EVENT #8: Andrew Salamore defeated 159 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$21,467

With the eighth tournament wrapped up, only four more ring events remain at the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City series.

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