

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 163
Prize Pool: \$48,900
March 17, 2016**



Chris Morse Wins First Gold Ring in Event #3

Part-time player from Connecticut collects \$13,203 for one day of work at Harrah's

Atlantic City, NJ (March 18, 2016) — Chris Morse is the champion of Event #3 at Harrah's Atlantic City, defeating a field of 163 players to win his first gold ring. He also earned the largest payout of his poker career to date, collecting the top prize of more than \$13,000.

The champ is a 27-year-old product manager from Danbury, Connecticut, and he plays poker part time. He took the St. Patrick's Day holiday off work with the intention to play another event closer to home, but a friend dragged him down the shore to Atlantic City to hunt for a ring. He remembered to pack his lucky green shirt on the way out the door.

"We wanted to get pigged at the pool party," his friend admitted after the fact. "Well... I wanted to, at least."

Morse obliged his friend, and 24 hours later, he's the toast of the party.

After entering the final table third in chips, Morse was the shortest stack remaining when the field was reduced to three players. On the very first hand of three-handed play, though, he found pocket aces on the button and moved in. Both opponents called, one with king-queen of clubs and the other with king-nine of hearts. The flop came nine-high with two hearts, but the turn and river were both clean to give Morse the much-needed triple. About a half hour later, he was posing for photos with the gold ring after defeating Matthew Vascellaro in the heads-up match.

"It's a turbo, so there isn't really a lot of thought involved," Morse said, modest in victory. "It's a lot of push-fold. I had the best hand a lot and held. Pretty fortunate."

Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Atlantic City. The \$365 turbo event drew a field of 163 players, generating a prizepool worth \$48,900. The final 18 players finished in the money.

The tournament was played from start to finish on Thursday, March 17 beginning at 12:00 p.m. The final table was reached at about 9:00 p.m., and the last hand was dealt just before midnight.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Harrah's Atlantic City's 12 ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large bids. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

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