

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Harrah's Philadelphia

Chester, PA

Event #4

No Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$580

Total Entries: 76

Prize Pool: \$38,000

April 21, 2014



Phillip Hui Wins Fourth Gold Ring at Harrah's Philadelphia

Chester, PA (April 22, 2014) — Professional poker player Phillip Hui had more than a 10:1 chip lead over Anthony Minniti when they got heads up. Then Minniti came from behind three times to double up and take a slight lead. Hui never gave up, grinding his way back into the chip lead. On the final hand of the hour-long match, he flopped trips and slow-played them until Minniti caught a pair on the river and committed his whole stack. Hui won his 4th WSOP Circuit gold ring along with \$12,920. Minniti, who is a cash-game pro, took 2nd place and \$7,994.

Hui arrived about an hour late for the start of this event after driving down from Atlantic City and was "pretty card dead all day". When they were down to about 30 players, he "had like 20 bigs and doubled up with Aces, and from there got pretty lucky". When they reached the money, Hui was the chip leader and "was opening every chance I got...was raising every hand...everybody was folding" as they tried to move up the pay scale.

His strategy paid off as opponents hit the rail one after another. Eric Suarez, winner of Event #2, made the final table and finished 5th. He added 25 points to the 50 he already had to make himself the one to beat for the Casino Champion title, with 75 points. Also at this final table was DJ MacKinnon, who won his Circuit ring in this same event here last year. He was hoping to go back-to-back, but came up short, finishing 3rd.

There were only 76 entries in this event on the Monday after Easter for a total prize pool of \$38,000. The final eight players earned a cut. Although this was scheduled as a two-day event, the final eight opted to play it out since they reached the final table early.

Phillip Hui now joins Men 'the Master' Nguyen, Maurice Hawkins, Michael Souza, and Peter Ippolito who all have four WSOP Circuit rings. Only six players on the planet have more than four rings: Alex Masek (8), Chris Reslock (7), Ari Engel (6), Mark Smith (5), Kurt Jewel (5), and Kyle Cartwright (5).

The entire event played out over 13.5 hours and when it was over, the players were tired and ready to get to bed. Hui's first comment about how the tournament went was "I don't remember". His excitement over the accomplishment was tempered by exhaustion and a headache. If he "wakes up in time", Hui would like to play the HOSE event tomorrow. He's got a lot of mixed-game bracelet events planned for the WSOP this summer and wants the practice.

Final Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CITY / STATE / COUNTRY</u>	<u>CASH EARNED</u>
1	Phillip Hui	San Antonio, TX, US	\$12,920
2	Anthony Minniti	TYLER, TX, US	\$7,994
3	DJ MacKinnon	East Amherst, NY, US	\$5,262
4	Remo Lupo	Cochranville, PA, US	\$3,684
5	Eric Suarez	PHILADELPHIA, PA, US	\$2,730
6	Jeffrey Wicker	Bristol, PA, US	\$2,135
7	Albert Colombo	Williamstown, NJ, US	\$1,757
8	Robert Klein	Niskayuna, NY, US	\$1,518

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

With the fourth tournament in the books, eight more ring events remain at Harrah's Philly.

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