



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Planet Hollywood
Event: No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-in: \$365

Date: 13 November 2017
Entries: 158
Prizepool: \$47,400

Neil Scott Strikes Gold With First Circuit Ring at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas

Circuit regular takes down first ring after logging 63 recorded cashes

Neil Scott began the final table with some high expectations of winning a Circuit ring and managed to pull it off – 63 cashes later. The Mammoth Lakes poker player, a regular Circuit grinder, finally won his first ring and \$12,798 to go with it. When asked how it feels to finally win, Scott said “Surreal. I always thought, at this point, although there are people that are better than I am, I always thought at this point that three of my final tables should’ve been my ring. For a long time I was just starting to think at the final table I was just completely unlucky. Even though I don’t believe in any of that stuff, it just seemed like that was just the way it was going.”

The newly-crowned champion has been playing poker for a long time. “Since I was 6 or 7. My father and grandfather taught me how to play different varieties of poker - mostly draw-based games. And stud. And then I played gin for a long, long time, but then the gin circuit dried up.” Scott passionately talked about how the ring was great, but that winning it is “very low on the totem pole” because he feels that the support he has gotten from friends has been the most important to him. “I’m very appreciative of having great friends. I have the best friends. I don’t really have a whole lot of family, so there they are” continued Scott, pointing at the massive group of people in his winner’s photo.

Scott has been growing his hair for over two years now, since Halloween in 2015. “The hair thing wasn’t so much a bet. I’ve lost a lot of people to cancer. About two years ago we were talking about a way to bring awareness to it but at the same time to make it a fun challenge. This is going to the Childrens’ Cancer Treatment Centre in Palm Springs. So far I’m the only

one who's kept my end of the deal. I'm not going to mention any names, but there were four other people. Considering my age, I'm probably losing it faster” laughed Scott.

“All of the people who have helped me on the tour, who have given me the time of day, I think all of them.”

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Name:	Neil Scott	Age:	-
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker Player
Birthplace:	USA	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Mammoth Lakes, CA	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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