



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Bicycle Hotel and Casino (Bell Gardens, CA)	Date:	12 December 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em High Roller	Entries:	71
Buy-in:	\$3,250	Prizepool:	\$213,000

ANDREW WISDOM WINS HIGH ROLLER RING

23-year-old Southern California poker pro wins biggest buy-in of the series for \$72,420

Andrew Wisdom hopes to be the first of many breakthroughs from a group of barely legal poker pros. The 23-year-old came out on top of one of the toughest fields of the series, beating a field of 71 entries in the \$3,250 no-limit hold'em high roller event.

The San Diego native won his first ring and \$72,420 after defeating Brandon Zuidema, another young pro and friend of Wisdom, heads-up.

"I'm still replaying a lot of hands in my head right now," said Wisdom. "But it feels great to be able to finish with one of my buddies Brandon and I'm still kind of in shock. I've won a tournament before, but the feeling after the tournament is still shocking."

Zuidema, 24, finished second for \$44,810. The two finalists are both friends with Jordyn Miller, a 22-year-old poker pro who finished 12th in the main event. Miller, Zuidema and Wisdom all secured the biggest cash of their young careers on Tuesday.

There are a few others in the group and they trying to break through and become the new group of 'Young Guns' in poker.

"That's what the plan is," said Wisdom. "I mean, we are trying, but this was a big day for both me and Jordyn. I'm just happy we both had success in this."

With the new crop of players not having the internet poker boom at their fingertips, the learning curve was a little steeper for this new crop of players than it was in a pre-Black Friday world.

Unlike the generation that came up before him, Wisdom cut his teeth playing live. Both at home and in casinos.

“It started with my brother,” said Wisdom. “My brother and I would always play heads-up. He is one and a half years older than me, so I always had a partner and we just played back-and-forth. When I turned 18, I started going to Indian casinos and started playing \$50 tournaments. I just built up from there.”

The path he took to learn the game is different than some that came before him, but he shares an important trait with the most successful players in the game – the desire to continually learn and improve his game.

“I’m always fascinated by how the game evolves,” said Wisdom. “There are new plays and new styles every year and I enjoy following those trends and trying to stay on top of it.”

He also seems to be ahead of the curve in terms of how he stays sharp. At an early age, he understands the importance of a good mindset and a healthy regimen.

“I try and study and just before a tournament, I make sure my mind is prepared for 24-28 hours of poker,” said Wisdom. “It’s a long time to grind. I just try and eat healthy and study before a big tournament and just be on top of my reads and everything.”

The win caps off a successful series for the young pro. This was his second cash and second final table of the series. His first cash came in the \$1,125 no-limit hold’em. He finished fourth for \$9,015, which brought his total cashes for the series to \$81,435.

Not a bad start.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Andrew Wisdom

Age: 23

Nationality: American

Profession: Professional Poker Player

Birthplace: San Diego, CA

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: San Diego, CA

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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