



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino and Resort	Date:	9 January 2018
(Durant, OK)		Entries:	336
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Prizepool:	\$100,800
Buy-in:	\$365		

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### JEFFREY TRUDEAU WINS \$365 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM

*Trudeau wins his fourth ring and \$23,183 in Choctaw's \$365 no-limit hold'em*

Jeffrey Trudeau was born and raised in the Sunshine State, but the Florida native is beginning to take a liking to poker in Oklahoma.

The 23-year-old poker pro won his fourth Circuit ring and \$23,183 after defeating 336-entries in the \$365 no-limit hold'em at Choctaw Casino and Resort. His fourth ring comes just a couple months after he won his third, which also came at Choctaw when he won the \$1,125 no-limit hold'em.

"I just feel good here," said Trudeau. "I run good here. I don't know. This could be my spot."

Trudeau's win continues the trend of young poker pros taking down rings at this WSOP Circuit stop. A day earlier, 22-year-old poker pro Lou Garza won his first ring and \$158,104 in the \$365 no-limit hold'em re-entry. Unlike Garza, Trudeau has already established himself as a force to be reckoned with on the Circuit.

With four rings, he's dangerously close to filling out an entire hand with Circuit hardware. The winning isn't going to his head, however. Trudeau doesn't have any aspirations of mixing it up with the some of the game's elite in the highest stakes in the world. At the end of the day, he's just trying to bring home enough money to live on.

"I mean, I just pretty much want to play these types of tournaments," said Trudeau about mid-stakes tournaments. "I'm not trying to play against the best players in the world. I'd rather just make a good living and play all these tournaments."

Trudeau is one of the youngest players to reach the four-ring mark in the history of the Circuit. Like his plans about what stakes he'll play, he has no ambition to overtake the all-time lead in rings. He just plays every tournament to the best of his ability and hopes for the best.

"I just want to do well and make money," said Trudeau. "I just want to do well and make money. Whatever happens, happens. I'm not trying to get a ton of rings. I'm just playing the tournaments that I think are the best tournaments to play."

There were nine players that returned on Tuesday to play down to a winner, with Trudeau near the top of the pack. He made quick work of the final table, winning his fourth ring in just over two hours.

"I won a big flip in the beginning and then I coolered someone like queens to nines and then ace-king to tens I won," said Trudeau. "It was just a flurry of cards and big hands against other big hands that I was on the right side of."

He credits a rush of good cards for his latest victory, but he is converting his cashes to deep runs, final tables and wins at a rate that most people could only dream of. This was his 18<sup>th</sup> career Circuit cash, his eighth final table and fourth outright win. For that, he credits his ability to stay calm.

"The biggest thing is patience in these tournaments and I feel like a lot of people start panicking when they start getting shorter," said Trudeau. "I don't know. I just try and play my best the whole time. Not really panic at all whether I have four bigs or 100. In this tournament, I was down to five or six bigs multiple times and spun it back up."

During last November's Circuit stop in Choctaw, Trudeau put on a clinic en route to a Casino Champion title and a seat into the 2018 Global Casino Championship. This time around, he's putting on a similar show.

With a 16<sup>th</sup> place finish in the monster stack event and a win in the first \$365 no-limit hold'em, he's already earned \$27,556 and is in the lead for another Casino Championship.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Jeffrey Trudeau  
Nationality: American  
Birthplace: Orlando, FL  
Current Residence: Orlando, FL

Age: 23  
Profession: Poker Player  
WSOP Bracelets: 0  
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 3

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