

## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT #12 REPORT

Circuit Stop: Rio Las Vegas Date: 26 February 2018

Event: No-Limit Hold'em (30-Min.) Entries: 250 Buy-in: \$365 Prizepool: \$75,000

## THIRD TIMES A CHARM FOR JEREMY JOSEPH

Jeremy Joseph wins Event #12 to take the lead in the Rio Casino Championship.

Jeremy Joseph outlasted a 250-player field over the course of 17 hours of poker to win Event #12: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (30-Miniute Levels). The victory earned him his first career WSOP Circuit ring and the top prize of \$18,369. The one-day tournament began Monday at 11 a.m. and didn't finish until 4 a.m. the next day. Joseph wasn't even on full rest coming in.

"I got up early this morning because our baby was crying, so I had to get up with her. I picked this morning to let my wife sleep a little bit because she usually lets me sleep. I've been playing all weekend, so I figured I would give her a break. I am surprised I am not more tired," said Joseph.

Joseph has put in a long week of poker. This was the third final table Joseph had reached this series. He started his series with an 8th place finish in the series' opening event for \$7,221.

"I just made a bad read. I am usually right in that situation and I was wrong and it cost me," said Joseph about his early exit from the final table in Event #1.

Then just four days later, Joseph was at another final table. This time he had reached the final table of the \$365 H.O.R.S.E. event. He ended up finishing in 3rd place for \$5,783. The two final table finishes had earned hims 47.5 Casino Championship points and put him in the hunt to win the Casino Championship. Entering this event, Joseph was 15 points behind the leader, Benjamin Thomas.

Joseph needed an 8th place finish or better in this event to overtake Thomas for the lead. Once he did that it was all about adding more and more points to his total to distance himself from the rest of the field. Joseph went on to win the tournament to add 50 points to his total and bring his series total to 97.5 points.

"I have never won a live tournament, so it feels good," said Joseph about winning the tournament.

Tuesday is the final day of the series and Joseph's Casino Championship lead is big, but not insurmountable. There are currently 14 players within 50 points of Joseph and there are still two tournaments left in the series to enter - the High Roller and the WSOP.com ONLINE event. Joseph's lead is large enough that those players excluding Thomas and Tyler Groth, who currently sits 3rd in the standings with 60 points, would need to straight up win one of the remaining events to pass Joseph. Thomas can surpass Joseph with a 2nd place or better and Groth can tie Joseph with a 2nd place, which then it would come down to series tournament earnings as the tiebreaker. The winner of the Casino Championship earns a free seat to the 2018 \$1 Million Guaranteed Global Casino Championship.

This was Joseph's first World Series of Poker victory, but he has had several close calls in the past, including at last year's Circuit here at the Rio. Joseph finished in 3rd place in the Rio Circuit Main Event last year for \$122,954. He also made a deep run this summer at the WSOP when he finished runner-up in the \$10,000 Pot-Limit Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better Championship for \$315,911. Those two cashes account for Joseph's two largest WSOP cashes. After this victory, Joseph's WSOP resume now boasts a WSOP Circuit ring, 31 cashes and over \$850,000 in tournament earnings.

## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Jeremy Joseph Profession: Poker Nationality: USA WSOP Bracelets: 0

Birthplace: Buffalo, N.Y. Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

Current Residence: Las Vegas, Nev.

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