



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Council Bluffs (Council Bluffs, Iowa)	Date:	2 April 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Turbo	Entries:	150
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$45,000

DAVID GUTFREUND CAPTURES SATISFYING 1ST RING

Expedient finish provides Chicago poker player with debut Circuit title.

David Gutfreund let out a piercing roar of triumph late Sunday night at the World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The moment of joy came at the end to Event #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Re-Entry, which left Gutfreund as the last man standing.

Altogether, Gutfreund defeated a field of 150 entrants in the one-day tournament, to win \$12,596 and his first WSOP gold ring. A speedy sequence of knockouts occurred during the final stretch of play, ending the competition in rapid fashion.

"I mean, wham bam thank you mam! Basically, in three hands we went from four to one... It is a turbo after all," said Gutfreund.

Firstly, a three-way all in occurred preflop between the short stack, Chris Gfell, Bruce Waltke and Gutfreund. Waltke's pocket kings were ahead when the three hands were revealed. However, Gutfreund paired his ace on the flop and held on till the river, granting him a double knockout.

Then, during the first, or second, hand of heads-up action, a pair-over-pair situation materialized. Gutfreund, who held a dominating chip lead, got it all in with pocket sevens against the pocket threes of his final opponent, one-time gold ring winner Chris Bibb. No three for Bibb on the board meant Gutfreund was the sole owner of all the chips in play.

The achievement took less than 12 hours for Gutfreund to realize, but it was a milestone that the 56-year-old has been working towards for a while.

“It’s good. I’ve played too many final tables on the Circuit without winning a ring, and it’s nice to finally get one,” Gutfreund expressed “This is the third straight year I’ve made a final table here... It’s about time I won a ring.”

The Chicago native, who has nearly \$800,000 in live tournament earnings, placed second at Palm Beach Kennel Club last season and has multiple top-nine finishes on the WSOPC stage. Needless to say, the gold-ring victory was a significant milestone for Gutfreund, but it certainly is not his biggest score to date.

“It’s about \$144,000 less... But, winning is winning, and winning feels great. There’s always a satisfaction in winning and right now I have that satisfaction,” Gutfreund said after his triumph. “The satisfaction, actually, is pretty much the same, the money is different, but the feeling of winning is very much the same.”

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Name:	David Gutfreund	Age:	56
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Chicago, Ill.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Chicago, Ill.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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