



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Seminole Casino (Coconut Creek, FL)	Date:	17 September 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	57
Buy-in:	\$1,125	Prizepool:	\$57,000

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### **MARTIN RYAN WINS \$1,125 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM**

*Trinidad and Tobago native scores sixth ring in return to poker after several months away from the game for health reasons.*

Martin Ryan won his fifth ring at the Seminole Casino in Coconut Creek last February. He won his sixth in the same venue, but it was everything that transpired in between that made his victory on Monday afternoon truly special.

After five months away from the game, Ryan defeated 57 entries in the \$1,125 no-limit hold'em event to earn his sixth ring and \$21,375.

During last season's WSOP Circuit stop in Council Bluffs, IA, the 56-year-old became very ill and was rushed to the emergency room.

"I was in Council Bluff and I cashed in the first tournament," said Ryan. "While I was cashing in the second one, diabetes attacked me. I cashed, but I couldn't even go collect my winnings, so there is no record of me cashing."

Ryan went to the hospital and was diagnosed with diabetes. It had also brought along an infection with in his foot and he was scheduled to have his leg amputated from his knee down in order to save his life.

After a little protesting from Ryan, the doctors in Iowa were able to save most of his leg and only ended up amputating a toe. According to Ryan, the doctors told him that if he had come into the hospital one day later, his life would have been on the line.

Instead, with his somewhat back in order, he headed back to his home in Trinidad and was instructed to stay off his feet, while treating his metabolic disease and keeping stock of any new infections in his feet.

His health problems caused him to miss the entirety of the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. After several months laid up in bed, Ryan made his way to Cherokee to take a shot at the first Circuit event of the new season, having qualified for the 2018 Global Casino Championship.

That trip didn't work out for him either.

"I tried to play in Cherokee, but I couldn't," said Ryan. "I cashed in the second event, but I had to leave because my feet started to swell. I had to leave and I couldn't continue playing... That's why I didn't play in the GCC. I was high up in points and that wrecked me for a while."

Ryan was wearing a boot on his foot and admitted that he should still be off it, but he's feeling well enough now that he's getting around and playing poker tournaments again. If Monday was any indication, he's returned to the felt and in his place as one of the Circuit's most dominant players.

"[I won] this one and in the other tournament, I was one of the chip leaders," said Ryan. "I'm back."

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Martin Ryan

Nationality: Trinidad

Birthplace: Trinidad and Tobago

Current Residence: Trinidad and Tobago

Age: 56

Profession: Entrepreneur

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 5

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