

WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:Planet Hollywood (November)Event:No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day)Buy-in:\$400

Date:21 November 2019Entries:139Prizepool:\$45,870

Maxim Befus Scores First WSOP Cash and Ring

Maxim Befus defeats Valentin Vornicu heads-up to win his first Circuit ring.

Maxim Befus has won the seventh event at the Planet Hollywood Circuit. Befus defeated a 139-player field over the course of a long 16-hour day to score his first career WSOP cash and WSOP Circuit ring. Befus earned \$12,846 and 50 Casino Championship points for his victory.

"It feels nice. I am very happy," said Befus. "It was a very long grind though, I am very tired."

Playing a 16-hour day is a long grind no doubt, but it gets even tougher and more exhausting when the last two hours of it is heads-up against the all-time Circuit ring winner Valentin Vornicu. The two players battled it out for over four full levels of play before Befus was able to collect all of the chips on the table. Vornicu was denied his 13th Circuit ring and had to settle for the runner-up payday of \$7,938.

Befus, a German-born poker professional now living in London, has come to Las Vegas for a month-long stretch of poker tournaments. When Befus is home in London, his main game is online cash <u>games</u>. Befus plans on continuing the tournament grind this weekend by playing in the series' \$500,000 guaranteed Main Event.

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Name: Nationality: Current Residence: London, England

Maxim Befus German

Profession: Poker WSOP Bracelets: 0 Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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