



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Potawatomi (Milwaukee, Wis.)	Date:	9 February 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	196
	Big Blind Ante	Prizepool:	\$196,000
Buy-in:	\$1,125		

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### AARON MASSEY TRIBUTES 3<sup>RD</sup> GOLD RING

*Chicago Poker Pro alters outlook after tragic family loss and dedicates Potawatomi victory to John Patrick Cibula.*

Aaron Massey secured his third World Series a Poker gold ring Friday evening, and first since 2013. The win came in Event #9: \$1,125 No-Limit Hold'em Big Blind Ante at the Potawatomi Circuit series, a two-day tournament that registered 196 entrants. Along with the gold ring, Massey pocketed \$50,957, pushing his WSOP earnings to \$970,484.

"It's great. Anytime you get a win it feels good and it's been a while since I've won a tournament and it never gets old," said Massey following his first-place finish.

Ultimately, it was an emotional victory for Massey in light of a tragic loss within a family he is very close with.

"This is dedicated to the Cibula family... unfortunately they lost John Patrick recently," Massey stated.

Before traveling to Wisconsin, the Chicago native made a trip home to be with the Cibula family during their difficult time. The detour from his on-the-road lifestyle proved to greatly affect Massey's outlook.

"I came home to spend time with the family that has treated me like family my whole life," said Massey. "And upon talking about him a lot, it brought a lot of values that he had to the forefront, things that I've lost perspective of along the way. I think that, in my life, I should

be more like him,” Massey continued “And he was with me. He brought out the best of me and this was dedicated to him.”

Event #9 was the first tournament Massey played since his spell in Chicago. Coming out victorious, the Poker Pro deemed his achievement a tribute to the late John Patrick Cibula, a kindhearted, good soul.

“He lived his life a certain way, which is not the way I have lived a good portion of my career,” Massey mentioned. “People should be more like him and I learned a lot of lessons through this tragedy and hopefully they can stay with me and I can continue to improve as a person.”

Massey began playing poker back in 2002. Since then, the 34-year-old has amassed an incredible list of accolades. However, a longstanding career, especially one with heavy amounts of traveling, can take a toll.

“Just getting back to my roots and to the things, and the people, that actually matter... and not letting all this nonsense and noise of this lifestyle interfere, really was brought back to my attention,” explained Massey. “I just hope moving forward I can continue to use the values that I was retaught this weekend, being with the [Cibula] family.”

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Aaron Massey	Age:	34
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Chicago, Ill.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Chicago, Ill.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	2

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