

WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Potawatomi Date: 11 February 2018

(Milwaukee, Wis.) Entries: 266

Event: No-Limit Hold'em Prizepool: \$79,800

Turbo Re-Entry

Buy-in: \$365

JOSH REICHARD CAPTURES 9TH WSOP GOLD RING

Friendly face off leaves Josh Reichard with Circuit title number nine.

Josh Reichard captured an astounding 9th World Series of Poker gold ring, and in his home state nonetheless. The 26-year-old from Janesville, Wisconsin showed up late to the Potawatomi Circuit, but made it count when it came to Event #11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Re-Entry, which encompassed 266 entries.

A trip down under was the cause of Reichard's absence during most of the series.

"Took the wife; We went for the Aussie Millions, but then a lot of it was vacation too. We stayed like four days after everything was over and just had a really good time," Reichard explained. "When I first booked the trip, that was a while ago, and I didn't realize that I was going to miss so much of this. So, that kind of sucked, but it all worked out.

Reichard's poker attempts in Australia did not go as well as he hoped. He arrived in Milwaukee just in time to play Flight B of the Potawatomi Main Event. Going bust in that, Reichard jumped in Event #11, a one-day tournament, and seemed to catch fire. Following a huge pot versus Mark Kroon, Reichard found himself in a commanding position.

"He is very well known in Wisconsin by many people. We both respect each other's game. He plays a crazy, crazy style, very aggressive," Reichard mentioned. "We both had a lot of chips with three tables left," he said. The two players got all those chips in the middle against each other, a bout in which Reichard came out on top. "That really launched me."

From there, he continued build his stack and eventually turned into an unstoppable force. When the field merged to an unofficial final table of ten players, Reichard held over a third of the chips in play. Eliminations began to surface quickly and constantly because of the shallowness of the stacks in play.

Eventually, it boiled down to a final pair of players. In a coincidental turn of events, Reichard happened to find himself up against his close friend, Nick Revello.

"There's been a few times where I've gotten heads up with friends and that always makes it so much better," Reichard expressed. "Nick's a good friend of mine. If you look at my ring pics he's probably in like four, or five, of them now."

Reichard's substantial chip advantage quickly wrapped up the heads-up match. The two pals happily congratulated each other when all was said and done. Revello cashed out for \$12,080 in 2nd place and Reichard took home the first-place payout of \$19,547.

Reichard is a Wisconsinite through and through, so triumphing at the Milwaukee-based Circuit stop was fitting. It was not a novel feat for Reichard though. The poker pro won his 7th gold ring at the inaugural Potawatomi series last season. Now with nine WSOP gold rings, Reichard is one away from tying Maurice Hawkins and Valentin Vornicu for the all-time lead.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Josh Reichard Age: 26

Nationality: USA Profession: Poker Pro

Birthplace: Janesville, Wis. WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Janesville, Wis. Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 8

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