



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Council Bluffs (Council Bluffs, Iowa)	Date:	9 April 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em 30-Minute Levels	Entries:	142
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$42,600

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### BRADLEY SULLIVAN WINS GOLD IN FINAL RING EVENT

*After runner-up finish, local gambler fights tooth and nail for first gold ring.*

Bradley Sullivan struck World Series of Poker gold during at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs Circuit. The 26-year-old from Omaha, Nebraska took down 142 entrants in Even #12: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em 30-Minute Levels Re-Entry to win \$11,930 and his first WSOP gold ring.

After a runner-up finish in Event #3, Sullivan returned to the spotlight and would not be denied a second time. The two final table appearances Sullivan experienced were dissimilar, placing Sullivan in two different mentalities.

“I actually wasn’t frustrated when I got second because going into the final table I had 160,000 and everyone else had like over 400,000, so I just played really tight. I was just ecstatic to get second,” Sullivan recapped. “Today, I had a big chip lead going into the final table, so I expected to win. So, if I would have got second today I would have been pretty disappointed.”

During his first deep run of the series, Sullivan entered the final ten players at the bottom of the pack. However, during Event #12, Sullivan was at the other end of the spectrum when the unofficial final table was reached.

Sullivan sat with the chip lead among a group of familiar faces, including runner-up of Event #9, Ryan Phan, and winner of Event #6, Tim McReynolds. The two local players, as well as Paul Cogliano all had a shot at the Casino Championship, but had to finish in first place to make it happen. Cogliano dropped out in 6th place, McReynolds took 4th place, and Phan made it all the way to the top three, but no further.

Phan's bust out left only Sullivan and Hamid Izadi, owner of one gold ring. Izadi began heads-up play with the chip lead, but it was far from being over quickly. What followed was a two-hour match full of swings back and forth.

Double ups were a common occurrence and it seemed like a champion would never be deemed. But then, near the end of Level 23, Sullivan dug out a big double up and scooped the final pot shortly after.

Sullivan, who works at TDAmeritrade and has his Series 7, did not play a live poker tournament for three to four years prior to the Council Bluffs Circuit. Nevertheless, he dove in at the "Shoe," his local casino and capped of a great series with a triumph in the final ring event.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Bradley Sullivan	Age:	26
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Day Trader
Birthplace:	Omaha, Nebr.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Omaha, Nebr.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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