



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Baltimore	Date:	1 May 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	148
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$44,400

Vicki Mengel Runs Over the Field in Event #5 to Capture Her First World Series of Poker Circuit Ring

Former Police Officer Vicki Mengel grabbed the chip lead early in Event #5: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed and she never took her foot off the gas pedal.

From the moment play started today in Event #5: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed, Vicki Mengel was running good.

"When I first got here, I actually won the first hand," Mengel explained. "A lady shoved all in and I knocked her out. Then somebody said, 'This is your tournament. You're gonna win this.' And I thought, *I hope.*"

But the tournament wasn't easy sailing the whole way for Mengel who took a penalty close to the money bubble, forcing her to miss a complete orbit. Just before that Mengel said she took a couple of bad beats.

"I just thought, *This could be a god sent,*" Mengel said. "When I got up there was 16 left, and when I came back there was still 16 left. But once we redrew and they put me at table two, I didn't lose a hand."

At one point, Mengel even got it in well behind against circuit regular Blake Whittington. Mengel was holding king-queen suited against Whittington's pocket aces, but the flop gave her a straight flush draw. Mengel completed her flush on the turn and Whittington bricked out on the river to earn her another massive pot going into three-handed play.

"I never put him on aces," Mengel said. "That was a great flop and a great turn. I was just unstoppable."

Mengel stayed aggressive, never letting up on her two opponents with the chip lead. She slowly whittled down Donnell Dais during heads up play and eventually won a coin-flip for it all.

With that, Mengel locked up \$12,655, her biggest lifetime score ever, and her first World Series of Poker Circuit ring.

"I'm pretty excited," Mengel said. "Pretty pumped up."

Mengel hopes to play a few more events with her winnings this series including the \$1,675 Main Event.

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Name:	Vicki Mengel	Age:	49
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Self-Employed
Birthplace:	Havre de Grace, MD	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Aberdeen, MD	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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