



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	IP Biloxi (Biloxi, MS)	Date:	14 December 2018
Event:	Event #11 – No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	133
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$43,890

DAVID VALONE WINS 1-DAY NLHE EVENT FOR \$12,287

Quinnipiac U. professor and five-year cancer survivor wins first career Circuit gold ring

David Valone is enjoying one of his best holiday breaks ever. Valone, 54, a professor at Connecticut's Quinnipiac University, has been on a trip to visit his wife, Kathy Cooke. It's a long-distance marriage, as she lives in southern Alabama. While near the Gulf Coast, Valone decided to play an event at Circuit IP Biloxi, and that turned into a victory in Event #11, \$400 No-Limit Hold'em (1 Day). The \$12,287 is perhaps the largest of Valone's poker career, rivaling one he claimed in a Canadian tourney some years ago.

Valone, though, is thrilled to still be able to play. Five years ago, he was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer. A section of his colon was surgically removed, but he's still beaten the odds, making the chance to win a Circuit ring that extra bit special. "I'm kind of sort of not supposed to be here," he admitted.

Valone won this event at Circuit IP Biloxi just three days before his 55th birthday, but he's already purchased his own present, a new Tesla that's likely to be a frequent sight around Quinnipiac U. "A discounted Tesla," Valone quipped, as he went to collect his five-figure win.

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Name:	David Valone	Age:	54
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	University professor
Birthplace:	Buffalo, New York	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	New Haven, Conn.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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