



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Bicycle Hotel and Casino (Bell Gardens, CA)	Date:	12 December 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em High Roller	Entries:	90
Buy-in:	\$2,200	Prizepool:	\$180,000

AARON MESSMER WINS \$2,200 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM HIGH ROLLER

28-year-old Southern California poker pro scores second ring of the season, both coming in high roller fields

Aaron Messmer is really enjoying World Series of Poker Circuit high roller events. Just three months ago, he took down the \$2,200 no-limit hold'em high roller at Thunder Valley and on Wednesday evening, he took down the Bike's \$2,200 no-limit hold'em high roller for his second ring of his career and the season.

He defeated a field of 90 entries to take down the title and earn the \$57,600 first-place money. A Southern California native, it's the first major title that the 28-year-old took down in one of the several properties that he could consider a 'home casino.'

"Being from this area, this one means ... I don't want to say more, but it means at least as much as the first one," said Messmer. "Your first World Series of Poker anything holds a lot of levy. You know, getting this one was really important to me. It was one of my goals. I'm still finding my way in those main events, but coming into this one, I really wanted to do my best to minimize mistakes and take it home."

Messmer defeated Andrew Wisdom heads-up in a battle that lasted nearly three hours with the lead changing hands a couple different times. Wisdom was looking to be one of the few players in Circuit history to defend their title after he won this event last December.

At the end of the heads-up match, Wisdom was overheard telling his rail that Messmer was the toughest heads-up opponents he had ever played. Messmer's thoughts about Wisdom were similarly flattering.

“I thought Andrew did a tremendous job,” said Messmer. “He’s the defending champ from at this event from last year. And he’s the most balanced player I’ve played heads-up in a long time. I think neither of us made very many mistakes and the ones we did make, both of us were making adjustments pretty quickly. It ended up coming down to a flip.”

He may still be ‘finding his way’ in the main event fields, having only cashed in a Circuit main this past October in Hammond, but he clearly has the high roller fields figured out. A couple different factors facilitate Messmer’s success in the higher buy-in events.

“I think there is certainly higher competition. That certainly makes it tougher to win, but the play is a little different when everyone is up here,” said Messmer. “I think with the higher buy-in and field, as well as playing nine-handed versus eight-handed, there is a little more inherit variance. I don’t know. Maybe eight-max suits my game a little better.”

With only a couple weeks left in the year, Messmer is finishing 2018 on a high note. It’s the first year that the Whittier native played tournaments full-time. With two rings through the first half of the Circuit schedule, he’s off to a good start as a tournament pro.

“It’s been up and down like what I was told to expect,” he said. “But it’s been pretty successful as highlighted by these two wins.”

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Aaron Messmer
Nationality: American
Birthplace: Los Angeles, CA
Current Residence: Whittier, CA

Age: 28
Profession: Professional Poker Player
WSOP Bracelets: 0
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 1

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