



WSOP CIRCUIT 2021-22 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Isle Casino (Pompano Beach, Fla.)	Date:	11 February 2022
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	242
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$79,860

JOSEPH HEBERT CLAIMS 1ST PIECE OF WSOP JEWELRY

WSOP.com 2020 Main Event World Champion picks up debut World Series of Poker gold at Isle Casino Circuit.

An unassuming tournament at the World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Isle Casino Pompano Park ended up producing a powerhouse final table and, in the end, a momentous breakthrough for one previous WSOP Main Event challenger, [Joseph Hebert](#).

During 2020, the WSOP Main Event World Championship was played mostly online. Hebert, out of Louisiana, made it through the WSOP.com portion of the Main and ended up winning the live final table for a [massive score of \\$1,553,256](#).

Though Hebert conquered the domestic side of things, he ultimately fell to the international champion, Argentina's Damian Salas, in a [heads-up battle for the prestigious gold bracelet](#). Fast forward a year, plus some change, and Hebert is hoisting a liberating piece of WSOP jewelry, a Circuit gold ring.

"It's a lot more fun here. It's a different stage of poker," Hebert stated, comparing his Florida Circuit experience to the highly-publicized, pressure-filled Main Event run. "I've never won any jewelry before, so this is great."

Event #10: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em drew a field of 242 entrants and ran its course in the matter of one day. When the final table was reached, a wealth of talent remained.

Lining the final nine players was two gold bracelet winners, two gold ring winners, and, coincidentally, Hebert's roommate for the Florida trip, [Michael Lech](#) who lays claim to a gold bracelet and an impressive eight gold rings himself.

Event with all the stiff competition around, final-table proceedings were pretty lighthearted, especially with Lech and Hebert's camaraderie amidst.

"Not till the last two tables we got to be together," Hebert mentioned. "We bantered a lot. He two-outted me twice, but it's o.k.," Hebert said with a laugh.

The Poker Pro bested his friend in the end. Lech went out in third place for \$8,021. This left Hebert heads up against two-time gold bracelet recipient Athanasios Polychronopoulos. Polychronopoulos had to settle for \$11,226 in the runner-up position while Hebert walked away with the top payout of \$18,159 and a berth to the Tournament of Champions.

"The players were great. I really ran good. I won my flips. Other than that, I did a lot of aggression in certain spots. It worked out in my favor, and that was it," said Hebert. "It's a small tournament, but you know what, the jewelry means a lot to me, just to feel the love of it. Just to be here and do what I love is amazing."

Back in 2020, it is documented that Hebert was playing for his late mother, Linda. The very last text message exchange Hebert had with her was about him winning a gold bracelet.

Though the bracelet did not quite reach the wrist of Hebert, he is now the proud owner of a WSOP gold ring. And, by the grace of happenstance, or something greater, the 39-year-old's tattoo memorializing his mother had recently been completed two days prior to his crowning Circuit achievement.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Joseph Hebert	Age:	39
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Metairie, LA	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Metairie, LA	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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