

2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Harrah's New Orleans

New Orleans, La.

Event #12

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 312

Prize Pool: \$93,600

May 21-22, 2017



Todd Elliott Wins First Ring on Last Day of Season

Commercial banker deposits \$21,995 and a gold ring in his hometown

NEW ORLEANS, La. (May 25, 2017) — Todd Elliott won the his first ring on the last day of the 2016/2017 WSOP Circuit season. Elliott defeated a field of 312 entries in the \$365 closing event, winning a \$21,995 amid some unusual circumstances.

The result is the largest cash on record for the 30-year-old commercial banker from New Orleans. He's unemployed at this exact moment, though, laid off just last week when his bank was taken over and closed down. "Today is the first day I'm supposed to be working, and I'm not," he said.

Elliott has been playing poker since he was in high school, and he even took a year after college to play professionally. The life of a professional poke player is not suited for him, though, and he prefers to splash around in the local cash games nowadays. He's been a banker since — and up until a week ago.

Nothing came easy for Elliott during his run to the title. At one point on Day 1, he was all in four ways with pocket eights against queens, kings, and king-jack. An eight in the window gave Elliott the pot and a huge boost to end the night in the middle of the pack, though, and he returned for Day 2 on his first official day of unemployment.

The field facing Elliott was littered with professionals, ring winners, and those scrambling for last-minute points, including two-time Circuit winner Jerry Monroe and WSOP Colossus II Champion Ben Keeline. Monroe missed the final table, Keeline fell in sixth place, and Elliott eventually found himself heads-up with another WSOP Circuit hero, Woody Moore.

"There were a lot of good players," Elliott said of the final table. "Good players tend to go deep in these Circuit events."

Moore is a good player, a three-time Circuit winner with more than a quarter-million dollars in tournament earnings on the traveling tour. He's the only player who's qualified for the season-ending Championship event in each of the six years it's been held, and he'll do so once again this time with a season-high 22 cashes.

