

WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 MAIN EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Thunder Valley Casino Resort Date: 21 September 2017

Event: No-Limit Hold'em Main Event Entries: 528
Buy-in: \$1,675 Prizepool: \$792,000

NICK PUPILLO WINS 2ND CIRCUIT RING IN FIRST EVER THUNDER VALLEY MAIN EVENT

Seasoned Pro Nick Pupillo clinches his second WSOP Circuit ring in Northern California

The first ever World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Thunder Valley Casino Resort is officially in the books now that Nick Pupillo has taken down the Main Event. The professional poker player earned himself his second Circuit ring along with \$170,286 and a seat into the 2018 Global Casino Championship.

Pupillo just came in second place in a major tournament in Atlantic City last week for his biggest career cash worth \$217,535. He hopped on a plane to Northern California immediately and decided to close one out this week. When asked about finally booking a win after several close calls Pupillo said, "It feels great. It's been a a while, I think 2016, since I won a tournament. So it feels awesome."

During heads-up play, Pupillo found himself on the ropes after Dann Turner won several big pots, but he found some key spots to double-up and eventually finished the job with ace-six over Turner's ace-five. Turner flopped a five, but the river was a miracle six and Pupillo locked up the win.

The \$500,000 guaranteed Main Event attracted 528 entries across two starting flights and paid out 54 spots for a prize pool of \$792,000. Some of the notable players to make the money included Jed Hoffman (5th), Steven Tabb (8th), Woody Moore (11th), Tony Bracy (16th), David Rosenbloom (26th), and Sean Yu (47th).

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Nick Pupillo Age: 25

Nationality: USA Profession: Poker Pro

Birthplace: Illinois WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Gilbert, AZ Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 1

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