



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Hammond (Hammond, Ind.)	Date:	23 October 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Bounty	Entries:	345
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$69,000

MATT JOHNSON WINS BOUNTY FOR FIRST GOLD RING

Local poker player grabs first gold ring with dominant Day 2.

Matt Johnson took down the solo bounty tournament at the World Series of Poker Circuit series at Horseshoe Hammond Circuit. The 33-year-old defeated 345 entrants in Event #12 to capture his first WSOP gold ring.

It took Johnson two days of poker to reach the crowning achievement and a large part of his dominance came in Day 2 of the event. Johnson only collected a single, \$100 bounty on Day 1 and finished with a middle-of-the-pack stack.

"I had one bounty yesterday. Today I got like eight," said Johnson.

During the second leg of Event #12, Johnson chipped up big time, entering the final eight players with a massive chip lead. His position, or rather, position of his opponents made for a tough final table though.

"I knew I got the worst seat... I had the two toughest players to my left," Johnson claimed. "Nick lost a couple of big pots. When he was out I could start moving the chips around a little more."

Directly to Johnson's left was bracelet winner, and three-time gold ring winner, Nick Jivkov. One more spot over, sat Justin Boggs, the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Main Event Champion from two weeks ago.

Boggs ended up being Johnson's heads-up opponent when it got down to two. However, in the end, Johnson's chip advantage overpowered Boggs and the poker pro from Elgin, Illinois grabbed a Circuit gold ring of his own.

Along with the finger-sized trophy, Johnson also banks 50 Casino Championship points and \$15,870. This marks Johnson's fifth cash on the WSOP Circuit tour. His previous four were claimed at the Potawatomi stop last year.

"I played the Circuit in Milwaukee," Johnson stated. "I got third in the PLO. So, I mean, I've been there. This time I closed the deal."

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Name:	Matt Johnson	Age:	33
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Chicago, Ill.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Elgin, Ill.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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