



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Hammond (Hammond, Ind.)	Date:	23 October 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Turbo	Entries:	214
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$64,200

MICHAEL SCHLEGEL SCORES 1ST GOLD RING

Turbo triumph leaves Illinois native with debut Circuit title.

Michael Schlegel won the last event of the World Series of Poker Circuit series at Horseshoe Hammond. The 45-year-old from Batavia, Illinois cruised through 214 entrants in Event #14 No-Limit Hold'em (One Re-Entry) to win his first gold ring.

The tournament reached conclusion in just one day and finished in The Venue at Horseshoe Hammond. When it was all over, Schlegel touched on his post-victory reaction.

"It feels really good," expressed Schlegel "And I tell ya, it feels better that it was back-to-back because I won last night's nightly turbo."

Less than 24 hours prior, the local player topped a \$150 buy-in, nightly tournament, which also has a fast-pace structure. The turbo-style of play proved likable and beneficial for Schlegel.

"I did like the turbo style," Schlegel stated "It started off nice and easy. People started getting aggressive on me. I sat back, waited for hands," he continued "I like to trap a lot, that's my thing. You know, just check, let them bet in to me."

A trapping technique can prove fruitful in turbo events. For Schlegel, the strategy catapulted him to a WSOPC final table, and then heads-up battle. It was Schlegel and Aaron Thomas facing off for all the marbles in the end.

“Very good player, very tough,” Schlegel deemed his heads-up opponent. “Ten hands in to it, I said ‘It’s an honor to play with you.’ It really was.”

Thomas put up a tough fight and Schlegel had much respect for his opponent. However, after the last pot was won, it was Schlegel hoisting the gold ring.

Aside from the gold ring, the Illinois native also pocketed \$16,046. The victory marked just the second WSOP cash of Schlegel’s fairly, new career.

“I’m a licensed Electrician. Right now, I’m taking a break from it... just grinding. This is my first year playing, pretty much full time.”

WSOP gold is a brilliant way to cap off an inaugural year of grinding the poker realm.

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Name:	Michael Schlegel	Age:	45
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker Pro – Former Electrician
Birthplace:	Sauk Village, Ill.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Batavia, Ill.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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