

## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT #7 REPORT

Circuit Stop: Rio Las Vegas Date: 21 February 2018

Event: Pot-Limit Omaha Entries: 153 Buy-in: \$365 Prizepool: \$45,900

## FIRST THE BRACELET, NOW THE RING FOR TYLER GROTH

Tyler Groth takes home \$12,850 for his second PLO victory.

Tyler Groth has just won the Pot-Limit Omaha Rio World Series of Poker Circuit event for his first career WSOP Circuit ring just eight months after winning his first WSOP bracelet at the 2017 World Series of Poker in the \$1,000 Pot-Limit Omaha event. Groth is PLO specialist, right? Well not according to him. Groth said that his top game is Omaha 8.

"I haven't played enough PLO to really know how good I am," said Groth.

Groth is in middle of a breakout year that started with him defeating the 1,058-player \$1k PLO event at the summer series for \$179,126. He followed that up with a deep run in the \$10k PLO8 Championship just two weeks later. He just missed out on what would have been his second final table of the 2017 series after finishing 12th out of 207 entries for \$27,982. And now Groth just won back-to-back events last week at the LAPC for \$32,550. Groth attributes his recent success to confidence.

"The more I win, the more cashes, the deeper I get, the more the confidence builds," said Groth.

Groth used to play a lot of online poker and said that most winnings are online. He went back to school a few years ago and got a job at a brokerage. He quit his job about two years ago and moved to Vegas to pursue poker again. He has played a mix of cash and tournaments as a professional poker player since, but as of late has been focusing more on tournaments.

Groth is leaving town to go play in the LAPC Main Event this weekend. Groth hopes he won't make it back for any more of the Rio series due to running deep in LA, but said that he will return to Vegas if things don't go well and try to play in the first-ever <a href="WSOP.com">WSOP.com</a> ONLINE Circuit event, which is the final event of the series and scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Groth has a lot to gain by playing in the online event. He has a lot of experience playing online and if he can run deep he will have a shot to win the Rio Casino Championship title. Groth currently has 60 points after earning 50 in this event and 10 in the first event of the series. He currently only sits behind the man that finished runner-up to him in this event, Benjamin Thomas. Thomas has reached two final tables this series and earned 62.5 points. The winner of the Casino Championship will earn a free seat to the 2018 \$1 Million Guaranteed Global Casino Championship.

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Name: Tyler Groth Profession: Poker Nationality: USA WSOP Bracelets: 1

Current Residence: Beverly Hills, Calif. Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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