



# WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT #11 REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Rio Las Vegas	Date:	24 February 2018
Event:	NLHE Main Event	Entries:	887
Buy-in:	\$1,675	Prizepool:	\$1,330,500

## KEVIN IACOFANO WINS MAIN EVENT AT THE RIO

*Iacofano earns more than \$250,000 in his first live tournament victory*

**28 February 2018 (Las Vegas)** After more than a decade, Kevin Iacofano finally has his first live tournament win, and he accomplished the feat in dramatic fashion by winning the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event at the Rio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, earning \$259,463.

Iacofano has over \$1 million in live tournament earnings on his poker resume, but he lacked a signature victory or any victory, in fact. But now he has a title, a ring for his trophy case, and over a quarter million dollars in prize money.

Iacofano outlasted a tough final table and a marathon heads-up battle against runner-up finisher Nikhil Gera, who was looking for his second Circuit Main Event victory. Iacofano finished the tournament with a stack of \$259,463, while Gera finished with \$51,025.

Iacofano had a tough road even before facing off against Gera. At all three of the final three tables, Brett Bader, who was chip leader to my left, so I was kind of in survival mode. It felt like every time I raised, that guy was there. And then I woke up to aces in the big blind and I was all in.

Bader finished Day 2 with the chip lead, and spent the first half of Day 3 extending that lead. But after a while he plateaued, and his stack started to dwindle. Other players, Gera in particular, took over as chip leader, and eventually Bader was eliminated by Iacofano in sixth place (\$51,025).

Also making Day 3 were Matt Affleck (9<sup>th</sup> place, \$24,694), Joe Kuether (15<sup>th</sup>, \$16,166), bracelet winner Arkadiy Tsinis (16<sup>th</sup>, \$13,318), and Rex Clinkscales (\$9,353).

The tournament started on Saturday, February 24 and attracted 887 entries over two starting flights, creating a prize pool of \$1,330,500. There were 155 players who advanced to Day 2 (Monday), and then 22 who made it to Day 3. Iacofano secured his victory at roughly 2:45 a.m. after over 12 hours on the final day.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Kevin Iacofano	Profession:	Poker Player
Nationality:	USA	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Birthplace:	Cleveland	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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