



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Baltimore	Date:	7 May 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	137
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$41,100

Mike Azzaro Captures his First World Series of Poker Circuit Ring in Event #10

Azzaro has been putting up results at the World Series of Poker since 2012 but a Circuit title has eluded him until now.

Just two days ago, on Saturday, Mike Azzaro was debating whether to enter Event #10: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (30-Minute Levels) w/ Re-Entry or Event #11: \$3,250 No-Limit Hold'em High-Roller w/ Re-Entry. Azzaro was still on the hunt for Circuit Leaderboard points and wanted to try to lock in a few more before the Global Casino Championship in August. Eventually, he concluded that Event #10 would be a better shot for points. It ended up being better all-around as he locked up his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring by winning the event.

His first feeling after victory? Relief.

"Relieved, very relieved," Azzaro said. "I needed the points to qualify for the [Global Casino Championship]. Now I have 167. So as of right now, I'm in. Then just really happy. To win a tournament is always great. Regardless of the buy-in. Just to take down the entire field without a deal is always great. I'm just really happy about it."

During the final table, Azzaro also registered for Event #12: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Double Stack Turbo as well and spent some time multi-tabling, running back and forth across the tournament area. It definitely had an impact on his game.

"I definitely messed up a few hands when I was rushing," he said. "Then I was like, let's not get crazy. We're still playing for 12k. The other tournament was still somewhat early, so I

just got a little more controlled, played well for a few hands and just finished off my opponent.”

According to Azzaro things just sort of fell into place for him. He was not only getting cards, when he wasn't, his bluffs were effective.

“It was mostly my way,” Azzaro explained. “I was getting cards. I was hitting flops. The bluffs I was running, they were just getting through pretty quickly. With the cards I was being dealt, it was gonna' be pretty easy.”

As for his next goals, Azzaro didn't hesitate at all to say he was looking for a bracelet.

“That bracelet, this summer,” he said. “I can't wait. Let's do it. I'm gonna' be playing basically the whole summer. So let's do it. I'm ready.”

For his victory in Event #10, Mike Azzaro picked up \$11,506 and his first World Series of Poker Circuit ring.

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Name:	Mike Azzaro	Age:	31
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Yonkers, NY	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Yonkers, NY	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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