



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)	Date:	17 May 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack	Entries:	707
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$212,100

RAYMOND CURRAN WINS MONSTER STACK TITLE

A strictly cash game grinder until last December, Mississippi based professional earns first ring and \$43,479 in just his second WSOP cash.

Raymond Curran didn't have a recorded tournament cash on his resume until the very end of 2017 when the professional cash game grinder took some advice from some friends and began taking shots at tournaments.

After playing tournaments for about five months, Curran took down his first title and ring with a win in the \$365 no-limit hold'em monster stack event at Harrah's New Orleans. He defeated 707 entries, earning himself \$43,479.

"It feels pretty great," said the Mississippi-based grinder after the win. "I just started playing tournament poker back in December. I actually have a good group of friends back in Biloxi that got me playing tournaments. Dustin Stewart, Tim Burt, David Nicholson, Tho Tran. They got me playing tournaments. I listened to them and they helped me out a lot."

His friends' advice helped him out and denied his other good friend his first ring. Curran defeated his buddy and fellow Mississippi grinder Michael Monaghan heads-up. Monaghan took home \$26,905 for his runner-up finish.

"David [Nicholson] introduced me to Mikey about a year ago," said the 33-year-old. "We've talked about poker and stuff a few times. He's a tough competitor heads-up. He's a very good player."

With all of his years grinding out a living playing cash games, the monster stack structure played right into Curran's strength – playing with deep stacks and making decisions post flop.

"I could be a little more aggressive at times," said Curran. "I could defend my blinds a lot. I could just do some different things."

The deeper stacks also allowed Curran to stay patient and pick his spots. He found very little resistance throughout the tournament. He was near the top of the chips at the end of Day 1, he took the chip lead into the final table and he was never short on chips en route to his victory.

"In level 3 yesterday, I was down to 7,000 and I was never all in for my life the whole tournament," said Curran. "I just worked my way through it, I guess. There was one hand when I got all in on the river. The guy called my all in on the river, but I already had the hand won."

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Raymond Curran

Age: 33

Nationality: American

Profession: Professional Poker Player

Birthplace: Ocean Springs, MS

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Biloxi, MS

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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