



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)	Date:	18 May 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em 1-Day	Entries:	311
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$93,300

TERRY MELANCON WINS \$365 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM 1-DAY

Insurance and investment broker from Louisiana takes home \$21,927 and his first after defeating 311 entries on almost no sleep.

Conventional wisdom is that a good night's sleep is needed for a productive next day. That wasn't the case for Terry Melancon, who defeated a 311-entry field to earn his first bracelet on almost no sleep.

Melancon, who works full-time for New York Life Insurance working in both insurance and investments, won the \$365 no-limit hold'em single-day event for \$21,927 and his first Circuit ring.

"It's exciting," said Melancon after his victory. "The cards came my way, I played them and everything just came my way."

On Wednesday, Melancon took a shot at the monster stack and came up short. After busting, he headed to the cash game area and played cash until the early hours of Thursday morning. After returning to his room, for whatever reason, he was only able to get a couple hours of sleep.

He got up, walked around the city for a few hours, got some breakfast and then came down to the tournament area and registered for Thursday's ring event on just a few hours sleep. About 17 hours later, running on what had to be fumes, Melancon accumulated all of the chips in play and earned his first Circuit.

Melancon plays poker as a hobby. It's all recreational for him, but he enjoys it and wants to improve. With a full-time job in the insurance industry, it's tough for him to get out to as many stops as he would like, but the Breaux Bridge, LA native is hoping to make it out and play some different stops.

"I try to come out to the WSOP tournaments in New Orleans and I've gone to Bossier [City]," said Melancon. "I'm hoping to branch out to some other ones, but those are the only ones I've been to so far."

The series' most recent ring winner had quite the run to his title. He came into the final table and dominated it. With five players remaining, Melancon held a massive chip lead that he never relinquished.

He picked off William Nguyen's all in river bluff with the nuts, eliminating him in fifth place and it didn't take long for him to take the rest of the chips on the table.

"I went on a hell of a run," said Melancon. "I really did. I guess the cards came my way and I got the calls when I needed them."

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Terry Melancon

Age: N/A

Nationality: American

Profession: Investment/Insurance

Birthplace: Breaux Bridge, MS

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Breaux Bridge

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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