



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:	234
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$70,200

DON DOVE WINS \$365 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM SINGLE-DAY

Local player from New Orleans wins first ring and \$17,551 in one of the season's final events.

Don Dove won his first career ring in the early hours of Saturday morning. The 48-year-old freelance writer defeated 234 entries to earn \$17,551 in what was also his first career tournament victory.

Dove's victory was the continuation of a mini-heater he is on. He took down the 10th event of the Circuit series at Harrah's New Orleans after making a deep run in the \$365 no-limit hold'em monster stack event earlier in the week. He finished 11th for \$3,271 just two earlier.

"It feels great," said Dove. "I made a nice run in the monster stack earlier this week and I had a lot of chips. I thought I was going to get there. So, this really feels like a little redemption."

In a series that saw many traveling pros earn milestone victories, Dove keeps this ring inside the city limits. Dove was born and raised in Baltimore but moved south for graduate school at the University of Alabama. He moved to New Orleans a decade ago and still lives in the area.

With 20-minute levels, this single-day event had a quicker structure than the previous two that ran. Dove, a recreational player that doesn't travel for poker tournaments, felt that the faster structure gave him an edge over some of the more experienced pros at the table.

"I'm really just a local player," said Dove. "I play just regional in Louisiana and Mississippi. So, I don't get to play a lot of these bigger tournaments until they come here. So, I've played a lot with 20-minute levels. I would imagine that most of the pros are used to playing

longer levels and can be a little more patient. Obviously, there are going to be some that have a more aggressive style that suits the turbo, but it's going to vary."

The turning point of the tournament for Dove came when he was able to double through two-time ring winner Wendy Freedman, who finished fourth. He got all in with ace-queen against Freedman's weaker ace to get his final table moving in the right direction en route to his victory.

"She was really putting people to the test and I was just trying to find a good spot to get it in, and I did," said Dove.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Don Dove

Age: 48

Nationality: American

Profession: Freelance Writer

Birthplace: Baltimore, MD

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: New Orleans, LA

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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