



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Seminole Casino (Coconut Creek, FL)	Date:	20 September 2018
Event:	Pot-Limit Omaha	Entries:	59
Buy-in:	\$600	Prizepool:	\$30,385

CORY BLUM WINS \$600 POT-LIMIT OMAHA

Local grinder and former pro took down first ring and \$11,394.

Cory Blum doesn't play poker full-time anymore, but after his showing on Thursday afternoon, it doesn't look like his skills have dulled at all since taking on a job in the health insurance industry.

The former pro and local grinder from South Florida won his first World Series of Poker Circuit title on Thursday afternoon. He defeated 59 entries and Craig Monrade heads-up to win the \$600 pot-limit Omaha and earn \$11,394.

"It's funny because I said coming in I would win it," said Blum after his victory. "I just believed it with conviction and it actually happened. It's pretty cool."

The 28-year-old Plantation, Fl native came into the final table second in chips and by the time they were in the money, he held a massive chip lead. He came back on Day 2 with nearly double his closest competitor and never relinquished the lead en route to victory.

It was a microcosm of how the entire tournament went for Blum.

"I actually think I had the chip lead pretty much most of the tournament except for maybe a couple of hands," he said. "There was one lull where I had 130K at 1K big blind and then I got down to 70[K]. I got it in with a double flush draw and a gutter combo and I got there. I just crushed it from there."

Now that Blum no longer relies on poker as his sole source of income, he will go through long stints of both playing and spending time away from the table. Regardless, he prefers the four-card variant as opposed to hold'em.

“I go through phases where I play a lot and then I won’t play for a while,” said Blum. “I like PLO tournaments and I typically do pretty well in small field PLO tournaments.”

Along with the ring and the money, Blum earns 50 points for his win, which puts him in the middle of the Casino Championship race. John DePersio currently sits at the top of that leaderboard, but now Blum is just one deep run away from taking it over himself.

“They were mentioning that to me,” said Blum about the Casino Championship. “I’ll look into it and it would be important not to throw it away.”

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Cory Blum

Age: 28

Nationality: American

Profession: Health Insurance

Birthplace: Plantation, FL

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Fort Lauderdale, FL

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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