



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 MAIN EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Seminole Coconut Creek	Date:	24 September 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Main Event	Entries:	735
Buy-in:	\$1,700	Prizepool:	\$1,113,525

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### DMITRII PERFILEV WINS COCONUT CREEK MAIN EVENT

*Russian business owner and poker enthusiast puts on a clinic en route to first-ever tournament victory.*

Before Monday, Dmitrii Perfilev only had one cash in a World Series of Poker event. A min-cash in the 2017 \$565 pot-limit Omaha event for \$1,025. He added another just before the clock struck midnight on Monday night by taking down the \$1,700 no-limit hold'em main event at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek.

Perfilev defeated the 735-entry field and earned \$221,691 to go with his first WSOP Circuit ring and his first-ever live tournament win.

"For me, [the money] is not so special, but I'm excited for first place," said Perfilev after his win. "It's my second tournament of the year. My first one came at the Isle and I made third place. And now I improve my results. I'm happy because I like the practice, but I don't play tournaments for a while."

The Russian born Perfilev owns several businesses, which take up most of his time and don't allow him to play many tournaments. Instead he sticks mostly to pot-limit Omaha cash games in the South Florida area.

He may not have an extensive tournament background, but he's made a name for himself in the world of South Florida cash games.

"I'm an Omaha player," said Perfilev. "Florida players know me."

Poker has been in Perfilev's blood for quite some time. He began playing when he was just a few years old. That's not a typo. Soon after Perfilev was out of diapers, he found a poker video game and began to play the game for play money.

"I play poker since I turned four years old," said Perfilev. "It was like a small computer. Not like a CD. It was like an audio cassette plaque. It was poker where you could connect it up to the TV and you could play with the joystick and the one button. My father came in and I was in my underpants and he was like 'What are you doing?' and I said, 'I'm losing.' That was 26 years ago."

Poker has been a passion of his ever since. While businesses take up a lot of his time, poker is and always will be a top priority for him.

"I play about four days a week," he said. "I have some businesses, but poker is still my life."

Despite playing very little no-limit hold'em and even fewer tournaments, Perfilev put on a clinic throughout the tournament. He generated a huge chip lead on Day 2 and took it into the final day with 17 players remaining.

He didn't win the majority of the all in pots he played, but still found a way to hang on, chip up and withstand the swings. On one of the breaks, one of the dealers even mentioned that he 'Had never seen anyone run so bad and still go so deep.'

His ability to stay aggressive and win pots without going to showdown was a huge factor in the eventual victory.

"I was in eight or nine all ins and I was ahead in most of them," said Perfilev about the pots that all in pots that he was losing. "But the players were playing a little scared of the money. So, I just kept playing 'Raise, raise, raise.' Even though I was losing chips [in the all ins], I was getting most of the chips back through the postflop action."

He was able to win a few all ins, one of them being the elimination of Harry O'Brien in third place to give him a chip lead going into heads-up play against local pro and seasoned veteran 'Sheddy' Siddiqui. He started the heads-up battle with better than a 2-to-1 chip advantage and extended it over the first 20 minutes of the heads-up duel.

Eventually, Siddiqui put his last 13 big blinds into the middle with queen-ten and couldn't improve against Perfilev's king-jack. Siddiqui was eliminated and took home \$137,298 for his runner-up finish.

Perfilev, on the other hand, took home the lion's share of the prize pool, an automatic seat into the 2019 Global Casino Championship and a Circuit title. Even with a win under his belt, Perfilev isn't necessarily ready to hop on the tournament trail and grind them with any regularity.

"I'm definitely going to miss some tournaments because it's kind of far for me to go," said Perfilev about the travel that most tournament pros take on. "But we'll see. Let's make plans afterwards."

Other notable pros that made the final table include former online legend Stuart Paterson, who finished in fifth-place, and Michael Amato, who busted in sixth.

Final Table Results:

1<sup>st</sup>: Dmitrii Perfilev - \$222,691

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mohammad Siddiqui - \$137,298

3<sup>rd</sup>: Harry O'Brien - \$101,219

4<sup>th</sup>: Cesar Solares - \$75,441

5<sup>th</sup>: Stuart Paterson - \$56,979  
6<sup>th</sup>: Michael Amato - \$43,595  
7<sup>th</sup>: Jordan Schneider - \$33,773  
8<sup>th</sup>: Jose Delcid - \$26,491  
9<sup>th</sup>: Lloyd Gunther - \$21,034

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Name: Dmitrii Perfilev  
Nationality: Russian  
Birthplace: Russia  
Current Residence: Aventura, FL

Age: 29  
Profession: Entrepreneur  
WSOP Bracelets: 0  
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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