

WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Rio Las Vegas Date: 19 February 2019

Event: No-Limit Hold'em Turbo Entries: 205 Buy-in: \$400 Prizepool: \$67,650

Ashley Sleeth Wins Her First Circuit Ring

Local poker pro Ashely Sleeth wins her first WSOP Circuit ring.

Ashley Sleeth is a World Series of Poker Circuit champion. Sleeth defeated a 205-player field in Event #6: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo of the Rio Las Vegas WSOP Circuit to earn \$17,586 and her first career WSOP Circuit ring. The \$17,586 score was the largest of Sleeth's WSOP career, slightly edging out the \$17,243 cash she won in the 2017 World Series of Poker Main Event.

"I'm feeling awesome!," said Sleeth.

Sleeth is originally from Loxahatchee, Florida, but now lives in Las Vegas and plays poker full time. Sleeth used to play cash games, but said that she now exclusively plays tournaments. She has a full poker schedule ahead that includes more WSOP Circuit events and the World Series of Poker summer series, which begins May 28 right here at the Rio.

Sleeth's tournament started out with good fortune on her side as she was able to crack an opponent's aces with her ace-king to double up. She said that from that point on she ran good and ended up at the final table with the second largest stack. Sleeth had a healthy stack, but still found herself in a tough position as the player on her direct left was the chip leader.

"I had a bigger stack to my left. I kind of was handcuffed at the beginning [of the final table], but then I opened and he shoved all in when I had aces, so then I doubled up through him," said Sleeth.

Sleeth took the chip lead with that hand and rode it all the way to victory.

Sleeth was introduced to poker by her now fiancé and 2012 World Series of Poker Main Event runner-up finisher Jesse Sylvia. Sleeth took a job with "Run It Once Poker" and served as their content manager for a couple years. She said that her time with the training site helped grow her game and the transition into playing poker full time.

"I am really committed to tournaments now, and I am really excited about it," said Sleeth.

Although Sylvia has the clear cut WSOP tournament earnings edge over Sleeth, Sleeth has claimed the bragging rights of being the first one of the two to take home World Series of Poker hardware. That's the way it stands now, but with a full schedule ahead of them both, the second ring or first bracelet may not be far off. The big question is, who is going to be hoisting the hardware in their next winner photo?

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Name: Ashley Sleeth Profession: Poker Player

Nationality: USA WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Las Vegas, Nev. Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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