

WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:Horseshoe Tunica (Tunica, MS)Date:02 May 2019Event:NLHE Monster StackEntries:432Buy-in:\$400Prizepool:\$62,700

MAURICE HAWKINS TOPS MONSTER STACK EVENT

Florida pro earns record-setting 13th career Circuit ring in Event #8 victory

West Palm Beach, Florida pro Maurice Hawkins has retaken the career lead in Circuit victories by grabbing the gold ring in Event #8 at Circuit Horseshoe Tunica, \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack. Hawkins' win in this big-field event was worth \$31,372 and swells his lifetime WSOP earnings to more than \$2.3 million. 89 of Hawkins' 112 career cashes have come on the Circuit, and this win, his second Circuit triumph in less than three weeks, moves him out of a tie with Valentin Vornicu for that top spot on that victories list.

Hawkins moved high in the counts late on Day 1 and stayed at or near the top for the remainder of the event while being one of the more active players at the table.

Though always one of the most feared pros on the Circuit tour, Hawkins credits recent mental adjustments with his latest surge of great results. "I made a conscious effort to play better," he said. "And to be more focused, and to really value the opportunities and blessings that I have. I have the ability to play poker for a living, so I've been focusing on being a better person, on and off the felt, and it's translating all over."

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Maurice Hawkins Age: 39

Nationality: USA Profession: Poker pro

Birthplace: St. Louis, Missouri WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: West Palm Beach, Fla. Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 12

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