



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Thunder Valley (Lincoln, Cal.)	Date:	17 January 2019
Event:	NLHE Monster Stack	Entries:	686
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$226,380

DAVID VALDEZ WINS RING IN 'MONSTER STACK' EVENT

"Beast" takes down largest-ever poker payday, \$46,411, in Event #7 triumph

The life of a tournament poker player involves extended ups and downs, as Event #7, \$400 No-Limit Hold'em "Monster Stack" can attest. Vacaville, CA's Valdez, a well-known figure in Sacramento-area cardrooms and affectionately nicknamed "Beast," had enjoyed a rush a year or two back, running deep in tourney after tourney.

Then, suddenly, the spigot was turned off. In his words, "I cooled down a little bit. That's how tourneys work. A lot of variance." Valdez thought another dry run might occur in Event #7, where he just made it to Day 2 on one of shortest stacks in play. Instead, fortune turned his way, and by the late stages of the final table he was the dominant leader, bouncing one foe after another.

When the last pot went his way, a career-best \$46,411 payday was also his, along with his first-ever gold Circuit ring. It just takes one big day to end a rough stretch, as Valdez can now attest.

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Name:	David Valdez	Age:	26
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker dealer/player
Birthplace:	-n/a-	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Vacaville, Cal.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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