



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Rio Las Vegas	Date:	25 February 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Turbo	Entries:	242
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$79,860

Virab Zakaryan Defeats Valentin Vornicu Heads Up to Win First Ring

Virab Zakaryan takes home \$19,567 in the turbo event.

Virab Zakaryan has won Event #13: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo at the Rio Las Vegas Circuit. He defeated a 242-player field to earn \$19,567, a WSOP Circuit ring and 50 Casino Championship points.

The Las Vegas local is a business owner and a poker player. Zakaryan is in the car wash business, but said that he considers himself a full-time poker player and spends more time on the felt than on his business.

"Yesterday I busted level 15 before the bagging [in the Main Event]," said Zakaryan. "So I came [today] and on one bullet I got it done."

Zakaryan's final foe was Valentin Vornicu. Vornicu is the all-time WSOP Circuit ring winner with 12 career rings. A victory for Vornicu would have extended his lead from a one ring lead for the all-time lead to a two ring lead for the all-time lead. There are currently two players right behind Vornicu with 11 rings each - Maurice Hawkins and Josh Reichard. The runner-up finish for Vornicu earned him \$12,089 and moved him into 2nd place in the Rio Casino Championship standings with just the Main Event and High Roller to go.

The final event of the Rio series is the \$2,200 High Roller and entry remains open until tomorrow at 2 p.m. Zakaryan is going to call it a day today, but is considering entering the high roller tomorrow before the start of play. Zakaryan gives himself a chance to win the Rio Casino Championship with a 5th place finish or better. He may need to do better than that if others at the top of other standings have deep runs too.

The victory marked Zakaryan's first career WSOP Circuit cash. Zakaryan has two career cashes at the [World Series of Poker](#) summer series, including one in last year's series in the Colossus.

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Name:	Virab Zakaryan	Occupation:	Poker/Business
Nationality:	USA	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Las Vegas, Nev.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	1

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