



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Bicycle Casino (Bell Gardens, Calif.)	Date:	12 March 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	78
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$25,740

MARK JEANS CRUISES TO 1ST GOLD RING

Two-day event concludes in one day with Mark Jeans emerging victorious.

Mark Jeans cruised to a World Series of Poker Circuit tile on Monday at the Bicycle Casino series. The 40-year-old from Redondo Beach, California closed out Event #11: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em in expedient fashion, ultimately defeating 77 opponents to claim \$8,750 and his first gold ring.

The tournament was scheduled as a two-day competition. However, an extremely small field size rendered Event #11 susceptible to a one-day conclusion, as well as kept the prizepool numbers a bit lower than expected.

“Obviously, if you run good for a tournament for a day it’s better value if the tournament is bigger,” Jeans expressed after his win. “But it just worked out. I ran good and ended up finishing it quickly.”

Another factor that aided in the fast finish was Jeans aggressive play late. The unofficial final table was reached midway through Level 14 with Jeans as the chip leader among the final 10 competitors.

Only the top-eight spots were allotted a cash. The money was reached fairly quickly. Jeans, still wielding the big stack, continued his aggressive strategy and players consistently fell. Then, it was all over near the start of Level 22, the scheduled last level of Day 1, when Jeans hit a straight against David Droeger who was going for a second gold ring.

“I was playing super aggressive at the end because I wanted to buy in the Main [Event], which I’m just going to sneak into by 10 minutes,” said Jeans.

Jeans scooped the final pot right before the last 10 minutes of registration for Flight B of the Bike Main Event. Following his winner photo and post-win interview, Jeans made his way to the registration desk and tossed his hat in the Main Event ring.

The sales professional who occasionally plays in live poker tournaments entered the Main Event with 15 big blinds. Riding the wave of his gold-ring victory, Jeans chipped up during the last two hours of Day 1B and bagged with a stack of 126,500. He will move on to Day 2 in the top 50% of 145 players remaining.

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Name:	Mark Jeans	Age:	40
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Sales
Current Residence:	Redondo Beach, Calif.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
		Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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