



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Council Bluffs (Council Bluffs, Iowa)	Date:	3 April 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Six Max	Entries:	168
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$55,440

MARK FINK WINS SIX MAX FOR 5TH GOLD RING

Four-time gold ring winner Mark Fink makes it five at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs Circuit.

Mark Fink has emerged victorious yet again at the Horseshoe Council Bluffs Circuit. The 39-year-old from Sioux Falls, South Dakota topped 168 entrants in Event #6: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max to earn \$15,525 and his fifth World Series of Poker gold ring.

"It's been a while," said Fink, referencing his past gold-ring runs. "It feels really good, in that sense, because it's the longest between out of all of them."

Fink's last Circuit victory came in a Bounty tournament during the 2016 installment of the Horseshoe Council Bluffs Circuit, which he characterizes as his home stop. His recent triumph in the Six Max, three years later, marks his third win at the Iowa-based series.

Day 1 of Event #6 finished off with an unofficial final table, and a stacked one at that. Aside from the four-time gold ring winner, Fink, gold ring winners Bernard Lee and Ryan Phan, who lay claim to \$1,000,000 in WSOP earnings, Paul Cogliano with \$300,000 in earnings, and two-time gold ring winner Jovan Sudar were all among the last seven players.

Sudar held the overall chip lead going into the Day 2 finale and was Fink's eventual heads-up opponent. It was a very up-and-down final table for everyone, and heads-up was no different. Fink and Sudar went traded multiple blows throughout.

The final pot proved to be a monumental hand. Sudar flopped a spade flush and Fink flopped two pair, queens and threes. All the chips got in the middle on the turn with Sudar

ahead. The river card was a three, providing Fink with a winning full house. After a count of the stacks, it was revealed that Fink had Sudar covered by a slight margin.

“I feel bad about the beat I put on him there, but we were going back and forth with the bad beats, to be honest. We were cooling each other over and over,” said Fink.

Sudar fell one spot short of winning his third Circuit title while Fink made it a full handful of five WSOP gold rings. The South Dakotan, who does hold a full-time job outside of the poker world, had a couple thanks to touch on following his win.

“Shout out to my boss Jeff for letting me take off time to keep playing,” Fink stated. “I’m blessed to be able to be here. I always like to give credit to Jesus who is my focus in life.”

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Name:	Mark Fink	Age:	39
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Electrical Contractor
Birthplace:	Sioux Falls, S.D.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	4

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