



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Hard Rock Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)	Date:	25 March 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Main Event	Entries:	533
Buy-in:	\$1,700	Prizepool:	\$1,000,000

PHILLIP POPE TAKES DOWN HARD ROCK TULSA MAIN

Dallas trucking-company owner and amateur player logs \$215,000 breakthrough win

Phillip Pope, a 43-year-old trucking-company owner from Dallas, Texas, has recorded by far the largest poker result of his career by winning the \$1,700 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event at Circuit Hard Rock Tulsa. The win was worth \$215,000, well over ten times his total previous WSOP and WSOP Circuit winnings, and gives Pope his first career Circuit gold ring.

Pope has been playing regional Circuit events since falling in love with poker about six years ago. "I just love the competition," he told the WSOP. However, while he'd had some success in preliminary events, he'd gone zero-for-nine in terms of making it into the money in Circuit main events. He broke that oh-fer in grand style in Tulsa.

Pope started the day second in chips among the six players who returned for Day 3 in this event, but he steadily ground out a lead as other players faltered, including 11-time Circuit ring winner Maurice Hawkins. Pope dealt Hawkins the crippling blow during three-handed action, giving himself a lead that he'd never relinquish on the way to the win.

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Name:	Phillip Pope	Age:	43
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Trucking co. owner
Birthplace:	Dallas, Texas	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Dallas, Texas	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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