



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Rio (Las Vegas, Nev.)	Date:	24 February 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack	Entries:	790
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$260,700

ANTHONY MICHAEL CONQUERS THE MONSTER STACK

North Dakota native flies west; comes away with \$52,141 and WSOP gold ring.

In the wee hours of Sunday morning at the World Series of Poker Rio Circuit, Anthony Michael became conqueror of the Monster Stack. The 38-year-old ultimately topped a field of 790 entrants in Event #11: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack, which granted him a generous payday of \$52,141 as well as his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

Michael made the trip to Las Vegas all the way from Grand Forks, North Dakota.

"Just playing poker for the weekend," responded Michael when asked what brought him out west. "It's been an absolute blast. The staff has been amazing. Everything's been really good, had a lot of fun doing it, and I'm glad that I won."

It was a long road to victory for Michael who started off by bagging the second largest stack of Flight A. Following the conclusion of Flight B, a combined field of 133 players was set to return for Day 2 of the Monster Stack.

The second leg began at 3:00 p.m. Saturday but would not finish till around 5:00 a.m. the next morning. When heads-up action was reached, Michael had a solid lead against his final opponent, David Leatherman. It did not prove to be an expedient finish though.

"I was a little bit frustrated because I did have him dominated and then he did double up early on," Michael explained. "Then, we battled for another couple hours. I did have him a couple different spots and got counterfeited, but in the end, it worked out with kings."

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Anthony Michael	Age:	38
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Financial Manager
Birthplace:	Grand Forks, N.D.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Grand Forks, N.D.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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