



WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 MAIN EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Planet Hollywood	Date:	23 November 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Main Event	Entries:	778
Buy-in:	\$1,700	Prize Pool:	\$1,178,670

MICHAEL TRIVETT WINS MAIN EVENT AT PLANET HOLLYWOOD

Poker pro books his first career tournament win, more than doubling his overall earnings

After making 15 career live tournament final tables, Michael Trivett has booked his first victory, also earning more than four times his biggest cash and more than doubling his overall earnings. "It feels amazing. I've been dreaming of winning one of these for a while, so it feels amazing. I don't even think I know what's going on right now. My first win, my first six-figure score also. Everything just feels amazing. I'm just overwhelmed with emotions right now," smiled Trivett.

The Johnson City native topped a field of 778 entries in the World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event at Planet Hollywood for \$215,943 and a custom Circuit ring. He also won a seat into the 2020 Global Casino Championship to contend for a gold bracelet and a piece of the million dollar guaranteed prize pool.

Trivett defeated a fighter in Jim Petzing, who fought his way back from being the short stack on several occasions to get himself heads up. He tripled up with aces three-handed in a massive hand versus ace-king suited and pocket jacks to get heads up. Trivett then held a two-to-one lead heads up and chipped away at Petzing, who eventually settled for second place and his biggest career cash worth \$133,462.

The 36-year-old poker pro was born in Johnson City, but now resides in Las Vegas playing tournaments and the odd cash game. Even though Trivett has more than doubled his overall earnings, he doesn't have any plans for the money, but definitely has bigger poker goals. "Obviously I would love to win a bracelet but I just want to keep playing

tournaments, keep playing poker. That's my main focus right now, and just continue to get better."

The newly-crowned champion began his career playing mixed cash games, but has been working on his No-Limit Hold'em tournament game over the last two years. "I've used a lot of skills that I had in mixed games when I moved over to No-Limit Hold'em. I will always continue to play mixed games. I love mixed games - that's where my heart is."

With the growing use of solvers, training sites and coaching services, Trivett has been putting in the work and doing a lot of studying to improve his game. "I've had coaching from a good friend of mine, Ryan Laplante, over the last couple of years and just being friends with him, he's taught me a lot. I've just been studying spots and going over spots, any hands that I have questions, I just always bring them up and I seem to always get the right answer."

On the road to the title, Trivett started Day 2 with around 35 big blinds and once he was in the money he found a quick double, only to never really look back. Coming into the final table, Trivett was second in chips and remained near the top the entire way. Once heads up, Petzing shoved his short stack in the middle with pocket threes but ran into Trivett's pocket nines. The board ran out dry for Petzing and Trivett claimed the title.

The tournament started with 778 entries, and the top 117 made the money. Familiar faces finishing in the money included Zach Donovan (4th), Ryan Leng (7th), Ben Palmer (9th), Sebastien Grax (13th), Ryan LaPlante (14th), Giuseppe Pantaleo (23rd), James Carroll (52nd), Bryan Piccioli (62nd), Charles Johnson (63rd), Sohale Khalili (65th), AJ Kelsall (66th), Dan Sindelar (72nd), Matt Salsberg (75th), Ravi Raghavan (85th), Kitty Kuo (92nd), Chris Wallace (95th), and Ben Yu (99th).

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Name:	Michael Trivett	Age:	36
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Johnson City, TN	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Las Vegas, NV	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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