



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	The Bike (Bell Gardens, Calif.)	Date:	2 December 2019
Event:	H.O.R.S.E.	Entries:	93
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$30,690

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### ADAM KIPNIS CAPTURES 1<sup>ST</sup> CIRCUIT GOLD RING

*Local mixed-game player defeats defending champ, Alan Myerson, heads up for H.O.R.S.E. title.*

Adam Kipnis came away with mix-game glory Monday night during the World Series of Poker Circuit at The Bike. All in all, the 42-year-old Software Engineer outmatched a modest field of 93 players and a tough heads-up opponent in Event #4: \$400 H.O.R.S.E., granting him \$9,185 and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring.

The tournament took two-days to complete. Kipnis sat second in chips among the 14 players who secured a cash and made it to Day 2. An unofficial final table was reached just one hour into the second leg of the competition.

Bubbling the official final table was Gina Hecht (9<sup>th</sup> - \$765). Bust outs stalled for a while during eight-handed play, but eventually deadlock gave.

Players began to fall; First was Chris Grigorian (8<sup>th</sup> - \$900) who lays claim to nearly \$250,000 in WSOP earnings, then two-time Monster Stack Champ at The Bike Hermilo Vargas (7<sup>th</sup> - 1,105). Next on the chopping block was Timothy Pong (6<sup>th</sup> - \$1,415), Rikk Sungwoo (5<sup>th</sup> - \$1,890), and ring winner Denis Bilodeau (4<sup>th</sup> - \$2,625).

When three-handed action arrived, two previous H.O.R.S.E. winners remained, Omar Mehmood, who won his first gold ring in a Thunder Valley H.O.R.S.E. event and Alan Myerson, The Bike Circuit's defending H.O.R.S.E. champion.

Mehmood fell short and ended up going out in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for \$3,790, leaving just two-time gold ring winner Myerson and Kipnis to duke it out. Kipnis was asked if he felt confident in the matchup.

“Not at first because Alan is a very tough player,” he replied. “I’ve played with him many times and I know how hard he can be at the table. We kept on battling back and forth and it was pretty much a stalemate throughout most of it.”

Directly following the last break in play, the scales finally began to tip, and it was Kipnis on the benefiting end. A couple big pots during Omaha 8 or Better gave Kipnis a 4-1 chip lead and he never looked back, ultimately sealing the deal during Seven Card Stud 8 or Better.

“I play all the mixed event, but H.O.R.S.E. is definitely my favorite. It’s the one I’ve always done well at,” stated Kipnis. “I like having change ups in games that I play and being able to take advantage of the fact that I’m pretty good at all of them across the board.”

Kipnis is a recreational mixed-game player residing in Northridge, California. The husband and father of one gets around to playing about 20 tournaments a year and successfully happened on a conquering run with the WSOPC.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Adam Kipnis	Age:	42
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Software Engineer
Birthplace:	Princeton, N.J.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Northridge, Calif.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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