



WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	The Bike (Bell Gardens, Calif.)	Date:	8 December 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	178
Buy-in:	\$600	Prizepool:	\$91,670

JOE MATTON CAPTURES 1ST WSOP GOLD RING

Perseverance and practice pay off for recreational poker player.

The World Series of Poker Circuit welcomed Joe Matton into the catalog of winners Sunday afternoon. The 51-year-old from Coto De Caza, California was elated in victory after conquering a field of 178 entries in Event #12: \$600 No-Limit Hold'em, a tournament took two days to complete at The Bicycle Hotel and Casino.

It was a victory that earned Matton his first gold ring and \$22,775 to boot. Although Matton only had one prior cash with the WSOP, the recreational player has really worked on his game in recent years.

"I've definitely put the time in from studying and just playing a lot... I do have a full-time career, so it's hard for me to play as often as a professional would," mentioned Matton. "So, for me to make this, and achieve this, I know it means a lot to people who love this game and I really feel fortunate to be a part of that."

Perseverance with his poker game certainly paid off for Matton who secured a Day-2 berth in Event #12 as second in chips. Going into the finale, he and the three other remaining players were all way behind seven-time gold ring winner Sean Yu.

However, Yu took some big hits early on and ended up placing fifth. Matton ultimately took on Eddie Bryant in a back-and-forth heads up battle that ended in Matton's favor.

"I've been really trying to play at a more competitive level for the last five years, and I've never been able to break through this and it just feels really good because I know how difficult it is," Matton expressed. "So, yeah, I'm extremely happy. I'm elated."

Matton currently works in Marketing for the Multinational Corporation Johnson and Johnson, but greatly enjoys his time on the felt, enough that a future involving more poker for him could possibly be in the cards.

“I have a lot of respect for people who do this for a living... “I’m fortunate that I can do this for fun,” said Matton. “I’m really happy with the job that I have today, but I think I’m definitely open to making that transition eventually because I just truly love the game.”

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Name:	Joe Matton	Age:	51
Nationality:	CAN/USA	Occupation:	Marketing
Birthplace:	Canada	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Coto De Caza, Calif.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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