



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 MAIN EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Thunder Valley	Date:	1/17/20
Event:	High Roller	Entries:	47
Buy-in:	\$3,250	Prizepool:	\$141,000

J.C. TRAN WINS THUNDER VALLEY HIGH ROLLER

The two-time bracelet winner takes down \$3,250 High Roller for \$49,035

J.C. Tran has just won the \$3,250 High Roller at the Thunder Valley World Series of Poker Circuit. The two-time WSOP bracelet winner survived a field of 47 players to earn \$49,035 and a WSOP Circuit gold ring. This was Tran's third WSOP Circuit ring, after winning the Thunder Valley Circuit High Roller two years ago, together with his Circuit win at the Rio back in 2005.

The \$3,750 High Roller started yesterday with 43 players entering the largest buy-in event of the Circuit stop. The players bagged after eight hours of poker action, with 20 players remaining at the end of the night. With three players late registering Day 2, a total of 47 entrants contributed to a combined prizepool of \$141,000. It took the field less than three hours to get down to a competitive Final Table, including Darren Rabinovitz and Tony Dunst.

Rabinovitz was the second Final Table player to hit the rail, adding \$5,127 to his more than \$2.2 million in total career earnings.

Tony Dunst, that fired two bullets to get to the Final Table, ended up playing heads-up against J.C. Tran for the High Roller victory. Tran was crowned the winner two hours later, after watching his pocket queens hold up against Dunst ace-ten offsuit.

"I actually haven't had too many hours with Tony. He played really well," Tran said after winning his third Circuit ring. "It came down to me having queens and he had ace-ten. Tony's a great player, I have a lot of respect for him. He's similar to me in some ways, he doesn't play a ton of these tournaments, because he's doing stuff with WPT and what not."

After winning two bracelets together with more than \$5,000,000 in WSOP earnings, Tran is now spending less time trying to fulfill his poker goals and instead focusing on being a good father.

"It used to be really cool for me to shoot for a goal to have a bracelet, ring or a WPT title. But when you have accomplished that you try too shoot for bigger goals, and one of my bigger goals was to final nine the WSOP Main, and I did that. After that I kind of took it easy on poker and spent more time with my family and my kids.", said Tran after taking down the \$3,250 High Roller.

Tran will bring home \$49,035 for his victory, adding to his \$13,092,669 in live earnings. He also earns 50 Casino Championship points for his victory.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	J.C Tran	Profession:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Vietnam	WSOP Bracelets:	2
Current Residence:	Sacramento, CA	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	2

DIRECT LINKS

[ARTICLE ON JC TRAN'S VICTORY](#)

[FULL RESULTS](#)

[LIVE UPDATES FROM THE TOURNAMENT](#)

[JC TRAN'S OFFICIAL WSOP PLAYER PROFILE](#)

[OFFICIAL WINNER PHOTO](#)