



WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 HORSESHOE HAMMOND EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Horseshoe Hammond (Ind.)
Event: No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-in: \$1,125

Date: 28 February 2020
Entries: 179
Prizepool: \$179,000

GUILLERMO VARGAS CLAIMS FIRST RING IN AT HAMMOND

After a 7th place finish in Event #1, Guillermo finally seals the deal to claim his WSOPC gold.

The World Series of Poker at Horseshoe Hammond crowned another first-time ring winner after Guillermo Vargas defeated an extremely tough field of 179 entries to take him \$45,048 and his first World Series of Poker Circuit gold ring.

"I feel pretty good," Vargas said after his win, "This was my first Circuit series I decided to grind, and it was really a good learning experience."

Day 2 action saw 27 players return with Vargas mid-way through the pack sitting in 14th but took the chip lead into the.

"I had a game plan going into the final table," Vargas stated, "I learned about the Venue leaderboard and set goals with the first being to win, while the second was to eliminate player's in a particular order that had more points than me."

There were two players who Vargas was talking about and they were three-time ring winner David Hengen, who took his exit in ninth place, and the other was Tyler Phillips who was eliminated in fourth place.

Three-way action wouldn't last long as Ken Brunette took his quick exit leaving Vargas heads-up against Sami Shurbaji.

Vargas held almost a 3:1 chip advantage at the start of the heads-up battle but Shurbaji put up quite the fight, turning the tides about two-hours into the battle.

“Before the heads-up match I was winning every flip, but Sami made it really tough for me heads-up,” stated Vargas about his opponent.

The match would continue for another hour level and Vargas saw his stack dwindle down to 400,000 at one point but one a flip after catching the flush on the river.

“He told me he picked up on a tell when I was bluffing,” Stated Vargas, “I’m pretty sure I picked up on what he was talking about and switched it up to try and induce bluffs.”

The heads-up battled continued for another hour-level before the stacks were completely even and just when it looked like the match would continue it was over a few hands after the chip stacks were even.

“I felt like I was ahead the whole time that final hand and I was correct,” Vargas said after his grueling heads-up battle.

The victory marked Vargas’s first career Circuit ring and the 50 casino points puts him in front of the Casino Championship race and he hopes his 82.5 points will hold as he won’t be able to finish out the rest of the Circuit series at Hammond.

“I’m moving cities and my girlfriend is coming tomorrow so we are going to Chicago to look at places and I won’t be coming back so hopefully I’ll hold,” stated Vargas who continued to say, “I just want to thank all of my poker buddies, they know who they are, for helping me learn and helping me to get here.”

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Guillermo Vargas

Age: N/A

Nationality: USA

Profession: N/A

Birthplace: Austin, TX

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Austin, TX

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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