



WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Hard Rock (Tulsa, Okla.)	Date:	16 March 2020
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em (4 Flights)	Entries:	842
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$277,860

KC MCKEOWN CROWNED MULTI-FLIGHT CHAMP

Debut gold ring awarded to KC McKeown in alternative Circuit finale at Hard Rock Tulsa.

KC McKeown captured his first World Series of Poker title on Sunday in what was effectively the Hard Rock Tulsa Circuit finale. The 30-year-old out of Texas conquered Event #3: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em, an extensive tournament that featured four separate starting flights and drew a total of 842 entries.

By the end of Flight A, McKeown had accumulated a very healthy stack. One that would leave him as a front runner going into the next leg. He earned a day off come Saturday before gearing up for what would turn out to be a grueling Day 2.

"Day 1 was nice, got chipped up. Day 2, coming in number two in chips was nice, but I got knocked hard," stated McKeown. "I had to grind throughout the entire rest of the day. Got where I wanted to be at the final table."

After sustaining heavy damage early in Day 2, McKeown recovered well and was back in business when the official final table hit. A stalling point hit during seven-handed play, during which McKeown coasted through. The Washington native was aiming to improve on his 3rd-place finish at the most recent Choctaw Durant Circuit stop.

"My goal was to really out beat what I did in January," said McKeown. "Once we got down to five-handed, I saw a position for me to make it to the top three and that's where I got."

"Cards just kind of fell into place to get heads up," he continued. Ultimately, McKeown faced off against six-time gold ring Winner Blake Whittington for the Event #3 honors.

“I know this guy has got a rap sheet in a terms of cashes,” McKeown added, alluding to Whittington’s Circuit prowess. “To be honest, this is my first heads-up final table.”

On top of being up against a tough opponent, McKeown's 3:1 chip lead took a big hit soon after heads up began. However, he was again able to bounce back and finally scoop the winning pot to seize his first gold ring, as well as \$46,553.

“For me, I absolutely love poker. I’ve loved it since I can even remember. I think probably within the last two, or three, years, I’ve really set my mind in the right place to where I play really well,” expressed McKeown following his milestone.

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Name:	KC McKeown	Age:	30
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Real Estate Agent
Birthplace:	Pasco, Wash.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Dallas, Tex.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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