



WSOP CIRCUIT 2022-23 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Tulsa Hard Rock	Date:	29 August 2022
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	646
Buy-in:	\$1,700	Prizepool:	\$978,690

Arthur Morris Wins First Ring at Tulsa Hard Rock WSOP Circuit Main Event

Arthur Morris finishes on top at WSOP Circuit after several close calls

The World Series of Poker Circuit returned to Hard Rock Tulsa for its first of two stops of the 2022/2023 season, as 646 entries were recorded through two starting flights and a \$978,690 prize pool was generated.

Arthur Morris is the newest World Series of Poker Circuit Main Event winner. Morris topped a field of 646 players over three days of play to claim his first WSOP circuit ring – also his first WSOP win of any kind after five top-ten finishes in WSOP circuit and summer events.

Morris took home the \$182,379 top prize after defeating WSOP bracelet winner and four-time ring winner Michael Cordell.

“Its been a long time coming,” stated Morris after his victory, “I’ve been playing for 17 years so it feels really good,” added Morris.

The victory may have been a first for Morris, but his WSOP resume dating back to 2011 and over a half million in WSOP earnings, it was only a matter of time before he was able to seal the deal.

“I’ve had an outrageous amount of unofficial final tables this past year and it’s really tough to make it that deep with nothing really to show for it but I really feel now that I’m getting over that hump,” said Morris.

The road to victory was no easy task for Morris, after coming into the final day second in chips only to fall to the bottom of the counts, he kept his composure and continued to build moment until all the chips were in his possession.

“I’ve had so many people rooting for me throughout the year and I just want to thank all my family and friends, especially my wife Pauleen and son Jack, I’m excited to go home and spend the next week with them.”

Final Table Results

1st Place: Arthur Morris - \$182,379
2nd Place: Mike Cordell - \$112,717
3rd Place: Cedric Trevino - \$82,737
4th Place: Blair Hinkle - \$61,498
5th Place: Jessica Vierling - \$46,294
6th Place: Danny Griffith - \$35,300
7th Place: Maziar Monfared - \$27,270
8th Place: Michael Marder - \$21,346
9th Place: Jay Riley - \$16,934

Day 3 Action

Morris was one of four players to return on Day 3, each guaranteed at least a \$61,498 payday. The action kicked right into gear in the very first hand after Blair Hinkle caught a doubleup with pocket queens against Mike Cordell’s pocket tens.

While Hinkle got off to a hot start, it was the opposite for Morris after he came into the final day second in chips, he found himself at the bottom of the counts and had to survive two all-ins before he hit a three-outer to eliminate Hinkle in fourth place for \$61,498.

The players continued to play several hours four-handed. The chips moved around over that time and saw a few lead changes as Cordell’s grip on the final table loosened. Morris doubled through Cordell after squeezing with ace-high and getting called. That was the boost Morris needed. Hinkle was eventually eliminated in fourth place and the players took a small break.

During this time, Morris counted out the other players’ chips and there wasn’t much distance between the three remaining players - though Morris was the shortest.

Three-handed play didn’t last long and Cedric Trevino, who made a deep run in the WSOP Main Event this summer, finishing 66th, was the next to fall.

Trevino, who jammed his stack in the middle with a made hand of tens and a flush draw, only to be called by Cordell holding top pair with an inferior flush draw. Trevino was unable to pair hit a spade or set on the river and his run ended in third place for \$82,737.

Cordell took a 2:1 chip lead to the heads-up battle after elimination Trevino, but it didn't faze Morris as he chipped away at Cordell until he held the 2:1 chip advantage.

The match didn't make it through a full level after Cordell flopped trip eights and turned a king-high flush draw, he called off his remaining stack only to see Morris held the nut flush. The river gave Cordell the flush but it was second best as he finished runner-up for \$112,717.

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Name:	Arthur Morris	Age:	
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Winston Salem, NC	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Dallas, TX	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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