



WSOP CIRCUIT 2022-23 EVENT #11 MAIN EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Thunder Valley
Event: #11 Main Event
Buy-in: \$1,700

Date: 11 October 2022
Entries: 726
Prizepool: \$1,099,890

ROBERT GROSSGLAUSER WINS THE MAIN EVENT

Robert Grossglauser wins the Main Event and his first WSOP ring

Robert “Zach” Grossglauser is the Main Event champion of the largest WSOP Circuit Main Event in the host property’s history. Outlasting a historic field of 726 entrants, Grossglauser claimed the largest piece of the \$1,099,890 prizepool: \$205,203. Not only did the local lobbyist win his biggest tournament to date, but he also punched his ticket to the 2023 WSOP Tournament of Champions.

It seemed like Grossglauser could not lose throughout the final two days of the Thunder Valley Main Event. Not only did Grossglauser demonstrate his poker abilities with well-placed aggression and bluffing capabilities, but he would also get the exact cards he needed to eliminate and double through his opponents. Both skill and luck are requirements to winning massive field poker tournaments, and Grossglauser put on an amazing display in both areas.

To succeed in anything in life, you need a proper gameplan and mindset. After putting his both to good use, Grossglauser was willing to share what strategy he put into place to finish at the top of the field.

“It was a tough three days,” Grossglauser said. “Coming into day two I was at about 25th place, so not that high up on the board. I waited for the the right cards and the right spots to come, I think the biggest key for me in this tournament was never looking at the pay jumps. I never really looked at the money bubble or worried about where I was in regards to chip average. I just played my hands and tried to stay focused.”

Although Grossglauser maintained focus and drive throughout his Main Event campaign, he could not help but notice the talent around him at the poker table.

“On day one I was doing really good against everyone at the table except for Rayo Kniep,” Grossglauser recounted. “I gave him 170,000 which was an extreme amount of chips at that point in the tournament. It was just an amazing field, you look around and see a dude with over a million or two million in cashes. My biggest cash was \$15,000 before this so to me it was crazy.”

Although Grossglauser would have to face the skillful field on his own, during the later part of the Main Event final table he would be accompanied by friends on the rail. When asked what they would be doing to celebrate, the Thunder Valley Main Event champion had a simple answer.

“My buddies are all right here, so we are probably just going to go grab some dinner and celebrate.”

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Robert Grossglauser
Nationality: USA
Hometown: Elk Grove, CA.

Profession: Lobbyist
WSOP Bracelets: 0
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 1

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