



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)	Date:	15 May 2018
Event:	Pot-Limit Omaha	Entries:	152
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$45,600

SANDEEP VASUDEVAN WINS SECOND RING

Vasudevan scores second ring in \$365 pot-limit Omaha after two previous third place finishes in New Orleans PLO events.

Every year for Mother's Day, Sandeep Vasudevan and his family make an annual trip to New Orleans. At the end of this year's excursion, he's heading back home with a little extra money in his pocket.

Vasudevan won his second career ring in the \$365 pot-limit Omaha event on Tuesday evening. He defeated 152 entries and earned \$12,314 along with the title and hardware. His first ring came in 2013 in a \$365 no-limit hold'em event, but in New Orleans specifically, the pot-limit Omaha cash game specialist had a few close calls.

"I have special memories in New Orleans," said Vasudevan. "This is my third PLO final table here and I finished third and third the previous two years and I wanted to finish something. It's been a while since the first one, so it was feeling like a fluke. It's not until the second one that you feel validated. It's a great feeling, actually."

Growing up in India, Vasudevan played chess at the collegiate. It wasn't until he immigrated to America that he found poker. Vasudevan moved to San Antonio and began working at Bank of America, where he is currently serving in a Vice President role.

His new friends and co-workers were playing the game and he was hooked immediately.

"I wanted to know what they were doing," said Vasudevan. "I didn't know what a flush or a straight was, but it seemed intriguing. It's competition, though. It's a social thing and I wanted to learn something new. Any puzzle fascinates me and this is like a puzzle."

He started the final table near the top of the chip counts, but he really picked up steam and had a ton of chips six-handed. He rode the chip lead to heads-up play where he defeated Mitchell Smith.

“It started pretty interesting when we had a few short stacks, but then the short stacks started doubling up,” said Vasudevan. “The only one I was scared of was John Holley. He lost a few chips and was pretty short-stacked, so he wasn’t giving me a lot of trouble. The chips went to the right players that I could get from later on.

“Heads-up, I started with like a 2-to-1 chip lead, but he started making hands and we basically switched. Then I had to buckle down, not spazz out or punt and I held on.”

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Name: Sandeep Vasudevan

Age: 39

Nationality: Indian

Profession: Banking

Birthplace: India

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: San Antonio, TX

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 1

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