

WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:Bally's (Las Vegas, Nev.)Event:High RollerBuy-in:\$2,200

 Date:
 31 March 2019

 Entries:
 107

 Prizepool:
 \$214,000

JAMEEL HARRIS WINS HIGH ROLLER AT BALLY'S

Harris wins first WSOP Circuit ring and \$64,200

April 1, 2019 (Las Vegas) - The latest ring winner in the World Series of Poker Circuit is Jameel Harris, who has taken down the Bally's Las Vegas High Roller for \$64,200! This first place finish gives Harris his biggest WSOP cash to date, as well as his first ever WSOP gold ring.

The High Roller had unlimited re-entry until the start of play on Day 2, with 89 entry slips sold for Day 1, and another 18 sold right before play began again on the final day, bringing the total to 107. Harris found himself starting the second day in third on the leaderboard, and would soon run it up to first, when he doubled through the start of day chipleader Anthony Zinno. Harris would have pocket kings hold against Zinno's big slick, giving Harris the biggest stack and he rode that stack to the end.

"It was a \$200 buy-in into the main, I was going to play the main but I was kinda tired, you know?" Says Harris when asked about the winning his seat through a satellite. "The guy randomly mentioned (The High Roller), I didn't know the \$2,200 was going and said you can use that toward it."

This tournament was bigger than the usual buy-in for Harris and when asked about his decision to play he replies "I studied a little bit, tried to improve my game, so now it's just about maybe testing what I know against a strong field," and the work clearly paid off as he almost tripled his previous best cash.

When asked about Harris being quiet for most of the final day, including the final table he replies "There were a lot of super duper talented players, so I felt like I couldn't afford to not pay attention,".

Harris was right as his table drew some of the best in the business including Ralph Wong who started the final table with the chip lead. Wong would find himself in a tough hand against Harris during three-handed play, doubling Harris up to a monster chip lead, and Harris never looked back.

Harris says he is, "Going back to work, sticking to my day job and just try to continue to improve," as he plans what is next on his poker journey after solidifying a win in Bally's Las Vegas.

When asked about his first WSOP gold ring, Harris says "If feels great! It hasn't really sunk in yet," and what is he going to do with his first ring? Harris says "My mom loves jewelry, a jewelry fanatic, so she might get this."

Harris and Dan Barry would find themselves heads-up for just over 90-minutes of play. Barry seemed to be taking over and starting to pull away, but Harris was not phased, as he fought back and overtook the lead. Once in the lead he continued to apply immense pressure on Barry until they would finally get it all in. Harris took down the pot with his nines, securing \$64,200 and his first WSOP ring.

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Name: Nationality: Jameel Harris USA WSOP Bracelets: 0 Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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