



WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 MAIN EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Hammond (Ind.)	Date:	15 October 2019
Event:	Monster Stack	Entries:	502
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$165,660

BRIAN MCDANIEL WINS 2ND RING IN MONSTER STACK AT HAMMOND

Just days after scoring a fifth-place finish Brian McDaniel battled through Monsters to snag second gold hardware.

Brian McDaniel grabbed another piece of World Series of Poker gold on Tuesday at the Horseshoe Hammond Circuit series. McDaniel battled through 502 players in Event #6: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack to score his largest Circuit cash while claiming his second WSOP gold ring.

"It's nice to get the monkey off my back," said McDaniel after his win. "I've had a lot of deep runs at final tables but my closet to winning a ring happened two-weeks after I won my first one when I finished second, so this feels great."

It was an uphill battle for McDaniel to make the run he did as he was down to only 6,600 once the first break of the day hit but was able to run it up to 284,000 to end the first day. With 36 players returning for the second day, McDaniel sat 12th from the bottom but he would see a hot run of cards once the final two tables were reached giving him the top stack once the unofficial finale table was assembled.

"I had an absolute heater once we got to the last two tables," McDaniel said. "I had jacks against tens, I had kings against aces and spiked a king, I cracked kings twice, it was insane."

Taking the chip lead into the final table was different from his last final table appearance just two days prior McDaniel explained, "In the last event I played I had my aces cracked with two tables left so I went into the final table middle stacked and it cuffed my play."

“Coming into this final table as the chip leader and could play my game with a wide range.”

McDaniel would never relinquish his chip advantage gathering chips left and right until the heads-up match between himself and John Colella. It seemed a casual matchup between the two competitors. There was mutual respect and chatter was consistent, even though there was a \$12,000 pay jump along with Circuit title on the line.

The final hand saw Colella move his 4 million stack in the middle preflop holding a suited ace-eight and McDaniel called with king-jack.

“I took a pretty big pot from him right before the final,” McDaniel said after the final hand played out, “I felt he was tilted, he kept moving all-in preflop and I thought king-jack was a good hand for me to call it off.”

It was the right call for McDaniel as he flopped a king and turned another to seal the deal sending Colella out in second-place.

With the victory, came McDaniel's second career gold ring since capturing his first prestigious prize back in 2015.

“This one feels great. I really needed this win,” McDaniel expressed “Michael Esquivel was giving me crap yesterday about my fifth-place finish and how I haven’t been able to close it out, so this win just makes it that much better.”

A voyage to Horseshoe Hammond has proven profitable for McDaniel so far as not only does this mark his largest career cash, he also won a satellite into the Main Event.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Brian McDaniel

Age: N/A

Nationality: USA

Profession: N/A

Birthplace: Chicago, Illinois

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 1

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