

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Choctaw Casino Resort
Durant, OK
Event #6
No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 383
Prize Pool: \$114,900
January 15-16, 2013



Kevin Eyster Tops Casino Championship Leaderboard

23-year-old pro bests 383 in Event 6, co-leads Choctaw Resort Casino Championship's race.

Durant, Okla. (January 16, 2013) — Kevin Eyster is tied for the lead in the Choctaw Resort Casino Championship following a victory in Event 6, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament, Wednesday night. Eyster, who earned 10 points toward the cumulative race by finishing 40th in Event 2 three days ago, added 50 more points to his series total after his winning performance.

In addition to points, Eyster also won \$27,573 and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring, a memento he said weighed heavier on his mind than the points lead.

“No,” Eyster replied when asked if the Casino Championship served as motivation. “This first ring was pretty big motivation. I guess now [the Casino Championship] will turn into motivation for me, but before it was one step at a time. See the money first, then the ring, then the Casino Championship.”

Eyster's shot at topping the points leaderboard was the predominant headline at the final table, but all eyes were on Omaha-based pro Brett Schwertley when Day 2 began three hours prior. Schwertley was recording his 29th career cash, moving him into fourth place all time, and had a chance at winning his fourth WSOP Circuit championship.

Unfortunately, Schwertley's headline fizzled, as he became Day 2's first elimination. He finished 11th and earned \$1,751. While the finish moved him up the all-time cash list, he came up short of an elusive fourth ring.

Eyster proved too much to handle, and, like Schwertley, the final table's chip leader Isaac Do couldn't best the 23-year-old pro from Lafayette, La. The pair duelled for what seemed like hours before Eyster's trip nines bested Do's flush and straight draws to bring the tournament to a close.

Eyster, who dropped out of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to pursue poker full time, says his career has been filled with a lot of ups and downs.

“Right now it's up,” he said with a smile.

Event 6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Choctaw Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament attracted 383 entries. The total prize pool came to \$114,900 and the top 42 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with 11 players remaining. The six-handed final table began at 4:45 p.m. Play finished at about 9 p.m. making the total duration of the final table four hours and 15 minutes.

Notes on the Event

- Brett Schwertley recorded his 29th career cash, moving him to a tie with Will Souther for fourth all time. Had he won the event, it would have marked his fourth gold ring championship and moved him into a six-way tie for third all time with Ari Engel, Kurt Jewell, Men Nguyen, Chris Reslock and Michael Souza.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Choctaw Resort's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Choctaw Resort:

EVENT #1: James Henson defeated 481 players (\$365 NLH) for \$31,021
EVENT #2: Ross Bybee defeated 2,209 players (\$580 NLH Re-Entry) for \$168,433
EVENT #3: Erin Slaughter defeated 343 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$23,660
EVENT #4: Aaron Ruppert defeated 338 players (\$365 NLH) for \$23,326
EVENT #5: Michael Hahn defeated 316 players (\$365 NLH) for \$22,276
EVENT #6: Kevin Eyster defeated 383 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$27,573

With the sixth tournament wrapped, six more ring events remain at Choctaw Casino.

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