

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 10  
Choctaw Resort and Casino  
Durant, OK  
Event #6  
No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 396  
Prize Pool: \$118,800  
January 13-14, 2014**



## **Ivan Primera Goes From Worst to First**

**Six-handed event sees unlikely victor emerge after battling a short stack.**

**Primera pockets \$28,512 and his first gold ring.**

**Durant, OK (January 14, 2014)** — There were three players left in Event 6, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament, when Ivan Primera leaned over to the rail and explained it makes a better story when the short stack comes out on top.

At the time he was at a severe disadvantage to Jason Brewer's chip lead and even a far cry from Gary Gerloff in second. By his own admission, the statement was made in jest, but Primera knew a victory was only improbable – not impossible.

"I was half jokingly saying that," Primera said. "But in the back of my head I had it in my mind... I can make a comeback. I like playing short stack poker."

When Brewer eliminated Gerloff third, it looked like the tournament was all but over. Primera didn't feel like leaving, though. He doubled, and doubled again. He won some medium-sized pots without a showdown. He got lucky, sure, but he picked his spots and did his best to get his chips in good.

"I was being patient knowing I can't really gamble," Primera said.

While he may like playing with a chip deficit, he wasn't about to push away the 3,960,000 chips he earned after eliminating Jason Brewer second.

"It makes [the win] more special," he said of his unlikely comeback.

To put perspective on Primera's road to the winner's circle, the event had 3,960,000 chips in play. At one point at the 4,000/8,000 level, he held a mere 40,000 chips. During heads-up play, by his own estimation, he flirted with a stack of just 100,000 chips. Unfortunately for his opponents, none of that matters now.

Primera earned \$28,512, his first gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship. The win moves him into a tie for second on the 12-day leaderboard and gives him momentum

heading into this weekend's Main Event – potentially the only other ring event he'll get an opportunity to play.

“I have a wife and two kids at home. I definitely play poker as much as I can, but with a family, I have commitments,” Primera said.

Joining Primera in the money were 2011 Choctaw Main Event winner Abraham Araya (42nd) and six-time bracelet winner TJ Cloutier (13th). Both players recorded their third cash of the Choctaw series, but came up well short of Primera's feat.

Other notables to finish in the money include gold ring winners Seneca Easley (20th) and Pejman Niyati (seventh).

Event 6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Choctaw Casino Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament attracted 396 players generating a \$118,800 prize pool. The top 42 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 2 p.m. with 10 players remaining. The six-handed final table started at about 3:30 p.m. and concluded just before 9:30 p.m.

### **Notes on the Event**

- The Choctaw Resort Circuit series marks the 12th of 22 events scheduled for the 2013/2014 season.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Choctaw Casino Resort's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

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 50 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 Casino Resort:

EVENT #1: Sean Stevens defeated 533 players (\$365 NLH) for \$34,380

EVENT #2: Chris Benoy defeated 254 players (\$365 PLO) for \$18,667

EVENT #3: Chris Bowen defeated 2,867 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$122,567

EVENT #4: Jacob McFarland defeated 483 players (\$365 One-Day NLH) for \$31,159

EVENT #5: Ryan Van Sanford defeated 388 players (\$365 NLH) for \$20,732

EVENT #6: Ivan Primera defeated 396 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$28,512

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

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