

WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Choctaw Casino and Resort Date: 7 November 2017

(Durant, OK) Entries: 218

Event: No-Limit Hold'em Prizepool: \$65,400 Buy-in: \$365

MARSHALL WHITE WINS RING #4 IN CHOCTAW

White bested a stacked final table to win his fourth Circuit ring and \$16,350.

Marshall White added another ring to an already impressive poker resume on Tuesday evening. White earned his fourth Circuit ring and \$16,350 after defeating a field of 218 entries in the \$365 no-limit hold'em event at Choctaw Casino and Resort.

"It was fun," said White after the win. "It's always fun to play a tournament and not run out of chips. Number four is nice."

The North Carolina native is a consummate professional. There are no antics, no celebrations, no funny business. He is there to earn a living without much fanfare. There was no time to celebrate after his win. He went straight from the final table to the registration desk to late register the \$580 no-limit hold'em that started while he was in the process of earning another Circuit title.

"I show up and try and do work," said White. "I'm here to make some money and try to collect some titles along the way if they come."

The soft-spoken poker pro takes that approach to his life away from the table as well. He does his best to keep any ego he has in check and remember to put things into perspective.

"I'm fortunate enough to play a game for a living," said White. "I think a lot of people may let that get to their head that they are good at a card game. So, they may let that get to their head. They make a lot of money and maybe change how they view themselves and others, but in the end, it's just a card game."

White is quietly ascending the all-time ring leaderboard, but that doesn't change his plans. He's going to continue to grind out a living and let the chips fall where they may regarding the ring leaderboard.

"The titles are great. It's something to be proud of," said White. "But I don't have any goal of chasing those guys at the top. I'm not on the Circuit grind as much as some of these guys that go chasing the titles. Choctaw is a good stop and now that I have some points, I'll probably hit some other stops to try and get enough points to qualify for the [Global Casino] Championship."

White didn't have an easy road to victory. Joining White at the final table were fellow top pros. Bracelet winner Kevin Eyster, six-time ring winner Josh Turner, Neil Patel and Rodney Spriggs were all standing in the way of White's next ring.

He came to the final table with the chip lead, which allowed him to keep the pressure on and ride his lead to the victory. White downplayed any skill advantage, however.

"I think I ran better than them," said White. "I know Josh was kind of handcuffed and short most of the time he was on my right. I won a big flip against Kevin that could've very easily shifted things. My ace-king versus his jacks was a very critical pot."

At the end of the day, White is just happy that things fell in his favor.

"It was a tough final table with a couple friends there," said White. "It was fun and beating tough competition is always gratifying."

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Name: Marshall White Age: 32

Nationality: American Profession: Professional Poker Player

Birthplace: Boone, NC WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Boone, NC Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 3

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