



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Choctaw Casino and Resort
(Durant, OK)
Event: No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-in: \$365

Date: 8 November 2017
Entries: 213
Prizepool: \$65,100

MICH DUMAS WINS FIRST RING IN \$365 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM

Texas radiologist and poker enthusiast wins \$16,273 and his first Circuit ring.

Michel Dumas is a busy guy. He's a full-time radiologist and he's married with five kids. Despite the other obligations that the 53-year-old from Albilene, TX has, he still finds time to work on his poker game.

It paid off for him on Wednesday afternoon with a win in the \$365 no-limit hold'em at Choctaw Casino and Resort. Dumas defeated a 213-entry field and won \$16,273 along with his first Circuit ring.

"It's really nice to get one of these," said Dumas after his win. "It was pretty unlikely, but it's great to get one."

Dumas didn't think it was likely because of his busy schedule away from the felt, but he's in no way a novice. He played small stakes online to keep his game sharp, he reads tons of poker books and watches videos from an online training site.

Amongst the other aspects he's learned about poker, he understands the variance involved. He knew it was a longshot that he was going to ever take home a Circuit ring because he's unable to put in the volume that some of the grinders put in.

"When you come to these tournaments, it's so hard to even cash in a tournament, let alone make a final table or win one," said Dumas. "You come on a trip and you play four or five

tournaments, you might cash one or not at all. It was pretty unlikely, but it's great to get one."

Dumas came into the final table with a sizable chip lead and at the end of Day 1, the 213-entry field was trimmed down to just Dumas and Justin Harvell, a regular on the Circuit, who was in the hunt for his first ring.

Harvell took the lead early in the heads-up match, but eventually, the cards broke in favor of Dumas. Dumas won the match, but he had nothing but praise for the runner-up.

"I had a three-to-one chip lead, but I was not at all confident that I could take down this kid," said Dumas about Harvell. "He's a really good player. I watched him play last night and he didn't make any mistakes. It went my way a little bit here with the cards."

Dumas didn't make any indication that he was going to leave his day job to spend more time on the felt, but he was happy to take home the title and be able to put a proverbial notch on his poker belt.

One of his good poker friends has a Circuit ring already and he was one of the first person that Dumas got to break the good news to.

"He's got one of these, so I've been keeping him posted with all the hands in this tournament," said Dumas. "I just literally won it when he texted me 'How's it going?'"

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Michel Dumas
Nationality: American
Birthplace: Albilene, TX
Current Residence: Albilene, TX

Age: 53
Profession: Radiologist
WSOP Bracelets: 0
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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