

WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Choctaw Casino & Resort

(Durant, OK)

No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight

Event: Re-Entry

Buy-in: \$400

Date: 5 November 2018

Entries: 2,070

Prizepool: \$683,100

WES CUTSHALL WINS \$400 MULTI-FLIGHT NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM RE-ENTRY

Owner of poker themed clothing line, Raiser Clothing, wins first ring and biggest career score by besting a massive field in Choctaw.

Wes Cutshall lives poker. Not only an avid and successful player from the Houston area, but also owns a poker themed clothing line, Raiser Clothing. On Monday afternoon, Cutshall added World Series of Poker Circuit ring winner to his list of poker adjectives.

Cutshall defeated a massive field of 2,070 entries to earn his first ring and \$107,573, the biggest score of his tournament career, in the \$400 multi-flight no-limit hold'em re-entry event.

"It doesn't seem real," said Cutshall. "But it's also one of those things that I knew was going to happen. I don't know. It's just weird."

Cutshall got to the final table on Sunday night with a massive chip lead. After several hours of play, they hit the hard stop for the day and the final six players bagged up and came back on Monday to play down to a winner.

Over those hours, Cutshall chipped up, but lost the chip lead to two-time ring winner and Oklahoma native Will Berry. When cards got back in the air at 2 p.m. on Monday, things swung back in Cutshall's favor. He never looked back.

"The final table actually went perfectly," said Cutshall. "We got Will Berry short and then busted him. Sergio [Ramirez] got some chips, but then he lost them. The short stack just

stuck around and doubled and doubled while I got lucky and busted people. It was three-handed and the two short stacks played a big pot. It ended up being perfect in terms of just coasting with the chip lead."

Berry busted in fourth shortly after Mike Cordell busted in fifth. Cordell was the most accomplished player at the table with four Circuit rings and a WSOP bracelet to his name. With Berry, Cordell and Cutshall in the final six players, this wasn't an ordinary \$400 nolimit hold'em tournament.

Cutshall was aware of their results, and had history with three of the five other players standing between him and his first Circuit ring.

"I knew Will obviously from up here, and I knew Sergio just from playing cash games... I played a lot with Mike [Cordell] on Day 2. He had the chip lead and he was on my left. I played out of position against him a lot. Well, at the final table he had position on me. I was pretty comfortable playing against him because I knew how he was going to respond to a lot of the things I was going to do."

He knew there was plenty of talent surrounding him, but don't let that trick you into thinking he was intimidated in the slightest.

"I guess I didn't really care who was at the final table, but I looked around and knew that they were all good," he said.

As the owner of Raiser Clothing, Cutshall hopes that his title gives an added layer of authenticity to the poker themed line.

"How many rings does Tana have?" asked Cutshall with a laugh, poking fun at the owner of RunGood Clothing line. "I do think it gives some legitimacy to the brand. If you run a brand in the poker world, and you actually have some results, which I've had some results, but never a ring, so I do think it helps. I think some people might see this and go what company does he own? It's Raiser Clothing, by the way."

When Ramirez busted in third to Hien Tieu, it was a battle of Houston area players between Tier and Cutshall. Having amassed such a massive chip lead over the course of the final day, it didn't take long for Cutshall to emerge victorious. Tieu picked up \$67,873 for his runner-up finish.

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Name: Wes Custhall Age: 41

Nationality: American Profession: Entrepreneur

Birthplace: Cypress, TX WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Cypress, TX Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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