



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino & Resort (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	6 January 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight	Entries:	1,077
Buy-in:	\$250	Prizepool:	\$215,400

JUSTIN ADKINS TAKES HOME 1ST GOLD RING

Stay-At-Home Dad tops four-figure field to seize Circuit title and bounce-back victory.

The World Series of Poker crowned another first-time Circuit Champ on Saturday in the Choctaw Grand Theater. It was 38-year-old Justin Adkins who conquered a four-figure field of 1,077 entries in Event #4: \$250 No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight to seize \$39,853 and his first WSOP gold ring.

"It feels great," Adkins expressed after his triumph. "Last year was a pretty rough year in the tournament scene for me. This was the first one of 2019, so it couldn't start off a better way I guess."

Event #4 of the Durant, Oklahoma Circuit series was the first tournament Adkins entered in 2019 after coming off a disappointing 2018. Ultimately, the two-day competition provided him with a tremendous bounce-back win to start the year off right.

Adkins only needed one bullet to make it through Flight A, securing a berth to Day 2. During the second leg of the tournament, Adkins eventually hit his stride and he entered the unofficial final table as third in chips.

"There were several shorter stacks. So, kind of my game plan at the time was to just lay back and take it easy, see how things played out," said Adkins "I was kind of card dead so that made it easier."

Short stacks dwindled, and Adkins eventually found himself heads up against Noah Nodine. A huge hand occurred when Nodine was dealt pocket jacks and Adkins held ace-queen.

“I mean, just one of those classic flips,” Adkins stated. “Watching the flop, just hoping it went my way, and luckily it did.”

An ace on the flop put Adkins ahead and won him the pot. It was a substantial double up/chips swing that all but sealed it for Adkins who raked in the rest of the chips a few hands later.

The victory marked Adkins’ fourth, and by far largest, cash with the WSOP. The Iowa native, now living in Coppell, Texas, does not play poker for a living, but does relish his full-time job that allows him some flexibility to hit the felt once in a while.

“I’m actually a Stay-At-Home Dad. This is just kind of my side gig,” Adkins mentioned. “Now I got a little jewelry to show the boys... I’ve got a seven y.o. and a three y.o. They’re at home in bed, but I’ll show them when they wake up.”

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Justin Adkins	Age:	38
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Stay-At-Home Dad
Birthplace:	Keokuk, Iowa	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Coppell, Tex.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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