



2010-2011 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Seven
Choctaw Resort and Casino
Ring Event #9
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$55
Total Entries: 388
Total Prize Pool: \$188,180
January 20-21, 2011

Final Results:

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1	Justin Gardenhire	Ponca City	OK	\$40,616
2	Preston Roberts	Broken Arrow	OK	\$25,102
3	Nicholas Johnson	Shertz	TX	\$18,342
4	Ali Jafari	Houston	TX	\$13,619
5	Michael Vardeman	Laneville	TX	\$10,270
6	Gregory Jacobs	Dallas	TX	\$7,860
7	Omar Zazay	Richardson	TX	\$6,104
8	Marybeth Searcy	Rudy	AR	\$4,808
9	Quan Nguyen	Garland	TX	\$3,841
10	Jeremy Barber	Krum	TX	\$3,109
11	Seth Baker	Allen	TX	\$3,109
12	Jesse Maupin	Rockwall	TX	\$3,109
13	Isaac Do	Murphy	TX	\$2,552
14	Chan Pelton	College Station	TX	\$2,552
15	Christopher Nash	Rockwall	TX	\$2,552
16	Terance Traugott	Spring	TX	\$2,123
17	Urim Staravec	Plano	TX	\$2,123
18	Brian Adams	Sherman	TX	\$2,123
19	Omar Nawim	Helotes	TX	\$1,789
20	Jason Garder	Moore	OK	\$1,789
21	Jason Cole	Red Oak	TX	\$1,789
22	Joshua Singleton	Dallas	TX	\$1,527
23	James Horton	Hutchinson	KS	\$1,527
24	Brian Rasberry	LaSalle Ontario	Canada	\$1,527
25	TJ Cloutier	Richardson	TX	\$1,320
26	Clint Kretzmeier	Corsicana	TX	\$1,320
27	Phillip Barch	Princeton	TX	\$1,320

Friday Night Lights

Justin Gardenhire and his rail take down the \$555 NLHE Ring Event at Choctaw.

It was definitely Friday night at the Choctaw Resort and Casino. After 388 players put up \$555 to play in the final World Series of Poker Circuit Ring event before the Main kicked off, the final table was set late on Friday. Contrary to previous final tables that had taken place, a huge crowd had gathered up on the stage to watch the final ten players battle it out for the WSOPC Ring and a first place prize of over \$40,000.

Most of the fans on hand were there to see two local players, Justin Gardenhire and Nic Johnson, battle it out. Raises were cheered, folds were booed, every announced all in cause a rush up to the table and the cocktail waitresses were bringing a steady stream of beverages to the fans. It was like watching the fans at a football game cheer their team on as the game progressed.

Much like a football game, one set of fans would end up celebrating a victory while the others would see their team fall just short.

The chip counts by seat assignments going into the final table were as follows:

1. Michael Vardeman 1,189,000
2. Quan Nguyen 286,000
3. Jeremy Barber 270,000
4. Marybeth Searcy 405,000
5. Justin Gardenhire 745,000
6. Ali Jafari 215,000
7. Allen Roberts 708,000
8. Omar Zazay 102,000
9. Greg "Yoda" Jacobs 131,000
10. Nic Johnson 606,000

10th Place - \$3,109

Early at the final table, Jeremy Barber ran his [8d][8s] straight into the [Ah][As] of Ali Jarari. The board of [7s][3s][2s][7h][Kc] brought no help to Barber and the poker dealer from Hooks, Texas was eliminated in tenth place.

9th Place - \$3,841, 8th Place - \$4,808

Quan Nguyen, who finished fifth in the HORSE Ring Event just days earlier, lost a big pot and was down to his last 17,000 in chips when he moved all in. Marybeth Searcy called from the small blind and Justin Gardenhire raised an additional 75,000 from the big blind. Searcy made the call and the three players saw a flop of [Ac][Td][9s]. Searcy bet out 75,000 and Gardenhire made the call. The turn was the [Kh] and Searcy fired 100,000. Again, Gardenhire called and the river was the [Jh]. Searcy put out another 100,000 only to be raised by Gardenhire to 225,000. After a few moment, Searcy shoved all in and was instantly called by Gardenhire.

Justin Gardenhire turned up [As][Qs] for the nut straight. Marybeth Searcy tossed [Kd][6c] into the much and Quan Nguyen threw away his [Js][7c]. Gardenhire took the huge pot and eliminated Nguyen in ninth place and Searcy in eighth place on the same hand.

7th Place - \$6,104

Omar Zazay was Justin Gardenhire's next victim. Zazay moved all in before the flop with [As][4c] and was called by Gardenhire with [Qc][Qd]. The board ran out [Kh][9d][6d][3d][5s] and the Dallas, Texas native was sent home in seventh place.

6th Place - \$7,860

Greg "Yoda" Jacobs moved all in pre flop and was called by Nic Johnson. Johnson showed [Ad][Qh] but was behind Jacob's [Kc][Ks]. The flop of [Qs][5d][3d] gave Johnson a pair but he was still behind. His huge group of railbirds slowly crept closer to the table and started calling out for a queen. The turn brought the [5h] and the chants for queen grew even louder from his crew. Words cannot describe the eruption of cheers that took place when the [Qc] spiked on the river, giving Johnson trips and sending the man they call "Yoda" to the rail in sixth place.

5th Place - \$10,270

After a series of pre flop, post flop and post turn bets, Nic Johnson fired out on a board of [Kh][Jc][9h][4h]. Mike Vardeman moved all in and Johnson went into the tank. After several minutes, he quietly announced call and turned over [Ac][Jh] for a pair of jacks and a flush draw. Vardeman said good call to Johnson as he turned over the [2h][2s] for a pair of deuces and a lower flush draw. The [6c] on the river was no help to Laneville, Texas native and he was sent home in fifth place.

4th Place - \$13,619

Ali Jafari from Houston, Texas moved all in from under the gun with [Ac][7c] and almost made it around the table until Justin Gardenhire made the call from the big blind with [4c][4h]. The board came [Kh][4d][3h][Th][9s] and Jafari was eliminated from the tournament in fourth place.

3rd Place - \$18,342

With play three handed and over 600,000 in the pot preflop, Justin Gardenhire and Allen Roberts saw a flop of [Ac][9h][4c]. Johnson checked and Roberts moved all in. Johnson snap called him and turned up [Ah][As] for top set. Roberts showed [Ad][Js] for a pair of aces. The turn was the [4d] and the river came the [5c]. Johnson had the shorter stack and doubled up to over 2.9 million in chips. Roberts was left with just under 300,000.

A few hands later, Justin Gardenhire had taken a slight chip advantage over Nic Johnson when Johnson raised to 105,000 before the flop. Gardenhire moved all in and Johnson announced call. Gardenhire turned up [Kh][Jd] but was behind Johnson's [7c][7d]. Each players fans rushed up to the table to watch how the hand would unfold. The winner of the pot would hold over four million of the 4.6 million chips in play.

It was Justin Gardenhire's rail that would erupt this time as the flop came down [Jc][Js][2d], giving Gardenhire trip jacks and a monster lead in the hand. The turn was the [Qd] and the river came the [Qc]. Gardenhire raked in the biggest pot of the tournament and sent Johnson, a professional poker player from Schertz, Texas, home in third place for \$18,342.

2nd Place - \$25,102

Holding a massive chip lead, it didn't take long for Justin Gardenhire to finish the job. After Gardenhire raised to 80,000 before the flop, Allen Roberts moved all in with [3c][3h]. Gardenhire made the call with [As][8c] and the flop came out [Jc][4h][4s]. Roberts maintained his lead even as the [Td] hit the turn. However, Gardenhire's already excited railbirds rushed the table and mobbed their man when the [Ah] fell on the river. Gardenhire made a pair of aces on the river to eliminate Allen Roberts in second place for \$25,102.

1st Place - \$40,616

Justin Gardenhire, his wife Lindsey and his huge rail celebrated his first World Series of Poker Circuit victory. Gardenhire, a Ponca City, Oklahoma native, takes home the Circuit Ring and the first place prize of \$40,616.

He will try and parlay his momentum into today's Main Event, which already has over 800 players registered and a prize pool of well over one million dollars!