



**2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Eight  
Choctaw Casino Resort  
Durant, Oklahoma  
Final Report  
Ring Event #2  
No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In: \$345  
Entries: 944  
Prize Pool: \$273,354  
January 14-16, 2012**

## TWIN TO WIN!

Reggi Trotter Dons Circuit Gold Under The Watchful Eye Of His Twin Brother.

**Durant, OK (January 16, 2012)** — With four tables left in Event 2, Reggie Trotter verbally declared his prediction that chip leader Tyron Lee would go on to be crowned champion. His premonition appeared to be coming true as Lee kept up his winning ways and came to the final with better than a 2-to-1 lead on second place.

"The way (Lee) was running there was no way he wouldn't win it," Trotter said.

Fortunately for Trotter, he was wrong.

Lee overplayed a pocket pair of twos and was eliminated midway through the final table. The eventual champion, you ask? None other than Trotter himself.

Trotter began the unofficial final table of 10 with only nine big blinds. Remarkably, he was still clinging to life when only two players remained. But at worse than a 10-to-1 chip underdog, Trotter had accepted the fact he was coming up one spot short of Circuit gold.

"I obviously wasn't going to give up, but I really thought I had no chance," he said.

Trotter's reluctance to throw in the towel -- and the fact he was dealt aces heads up -- paid off and he picked his spots beautifully on his way to pocketing \$51,962, donning his first Circuit ring.

"Money you can spend," Trotter said after his victory. "But I'll have the ring forever."

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Event 2, a two-day tournament, began on Sunday at 12 p.m. and ended shortly after 3 a.m. Tuesday morning. The \$345 No-Limit Hold'em tournament drew an enormous field of 944 entrants. The prizepool exceeded \$270,000 and paid the top 99 finishers.

Day 1 saw the starting field trimmed down to only 68 remaining players. Steven Schell and Lee had accumulated more than 400,000 chips apiece going into Day 2, and separated themselves from the rest of the field by way of a 70,000-chip cushion.

Day 2 play lasted 13 hours.

Remarkably, both Schell and Lee made the final table, finishing seventh and fifth respectively.

When final table play began, players stacked up as follows:

**Seat 1** Earl Merritt (Ponder, TX) 540,000 in chips  
**Seat 2** Tyran Lee (Humble, TX) 3,975,000 in chips  
**Seat 3** Stephen Schell (Dallas, TX) 1,516,000 in chips  
**Seat 4** Roger Franco (Austin, TX) 990,000 in chips  
**Seat 5** Mark Utterback (San Antonio, TX) 1,100,000 in chips  
**Seat 6** Robert Manley (Fort Worth, TX) 236,000 in chips  
**Seat 7** Reggi Trotter (Bowie, TX) 305,000 in chips  
**Seat 8** Oran Hayes (Shreveport, LA) 1,451,000 in chips  
**Seat 9** Douglas Gerda (Colleyville, TX) 573,000 in chips

**9<sup>th</sup> Place:** Rob Manley left the tournament in ninth place. He earned \$5,008 and added a fourth Circuit cash to his resume. He is 52 years old and lives in Fort Worth, Texas with his wife.

**8<sup>th</sup> Place:** The eighth place finisher was Douglas Gerda. This was Gerda's second WSOPC final table at Choctaw. His first came last year when he finished in fifth place in a \$345 event for \$13,174. Gerda's eighth place finish awarded him about half that, sending him home with \$6,295. He is 48 years old and lives in Colleyville, Texas.

**7<sup>th</sup> Place:** Stephen Schell, an accomplished online player, got his first taste of WSOP run good with his final table appearance. He came up short of gold, finishing in seventh and earning \$8,007. He is a 25-year-old accountant from Dallas, Texas.

**6<sup>th</sup> Place:** Earl Merritt has carded an amazing 13 WSOP cashes. However, his sixth place finish in Event 2 was his first ever final table. He made it count, scoring \$10,311, his largest win to date. At 61 years old, he lives in Ponder, Texas and is married with two children.

**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Tyran Lee lived up to his nickname "Krazielee" with his erratic play in Event 2. He began Day 2 second in chips and carried that momentum to the final table at which time he had more than twice the chips of second place. In true Krazielee fashion, he got over aggressive with a pair of twos and his stack dispersed itself among the table.

This marked his first WSOP in-the-money finish and first final table. He earned \$13,411. He is 38s year old and lives in Humble, Texas.

**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Mark Utterback is a 42-year-old from San Antonio, Texas. He now has two WSOPC final tables including a third place finish in last year's Regional Championship at Harrah's New Orleans and six cashes.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Roger Franco was eliminated in third place. This was his first WSOPC cash. He is 50 years old and married with four boys. He lives in Austin, Texas.

**Runner up:** The runner up was Oran Haynes. Haynes has now made three WSOPC final tables and finished as the runner up twice. His \$32,125 payday in Event 2 is far and away his largest cash. He lives in Shreveport, Louisiana and is 35 years old.

**Winner:** Our winner was 32-year-old Reggi Trotter. Not only did Trotter have to navigate through a mammoth field of 944 entrants, but he began the final table with only nine big blinds and started heads-up play at worse than a 10-to-1 chip disadvantage. He persevered and now has \$51,928 to show for it.

Trotter works as a certified public accountant in Bowie, Texas.

## Results:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
1	Reggi Trotter	Arlington, TX, US	\$51,928
2	Oran Haynes	GRAMBLING, LA, US	\$32,125
3	Roger Franco	AUSTIN, TX, US	\$23,711

4	Mark Utterback	SAN ANTONIO, TX, US	\$17,741
5	Tyran Lee	Humble, TX, US	\$13,411
6	Earl Merritt	PONDER, TX, US	\$10,311
7	Stephen Schell	Dallas, TX, US	\$8,007
8	Douglas Gerda	Colleyville, TX, US	\$6,295
9	Robert Manley	Fort Worth, TX, US	\$5,008
10	Christopher Gerhardt	SAN ANTONIO, TX, US	\$4,032
11	Ho Suh	Grapevine, TX, US	\$4,032
12	Kevin Harper	Rowlett, TX, US	\$4,032
13	Jake Lefkowitz	Forest Hills, NY, US	\$3,286
14	David Cummins	Austin, TX, US	\$3,286
15	Lawrence North	Dallas, TX, US	\$3,286
16	Luis Martinez	Bedford, TX, US	\$2,709
17	Donald Swentik	Burleson, TX, US	\$2,709
18	Andrew Wilmot	Colony, TX, US	\$2,709
19	George Nino	San Antonio, TX, US	\$2,258
20	Richard Seaney	Plano, TX, US	\$2,258
21	Steven Williams	Shawnee, OK, US	\$2,258
22	Neal Son	Plano, TX, US	\$1,903
23	Michael Stewart	Davidson, OK, US	\$1,903
24	Matthew Paschal	Irving, TX, US	\$1,903
25	Seneca Easley	FORT WORTH, TX, US	\$1,621
26	Shirley Saunders	Frisco, TX, US	\$1,621
27	Keith Broussard	Jeanerette, LA, US	\$1,621
28	Joel Woods	Crowley, TX, US	\$1,397
29	James Goggans	Crowley, TX, US	\$1,937
30	Billy Bishop	North Richland Hills, TX, US	\$1,397
31	Drew Pyrum	Ada, OK, US	\$1,216
32	Jacob Paulsen	Roanoke, TX, US	\$1,216
33	William Donovan	Longview, TX, US	\$1,216
34	William Gould	Houston, TX, US	\$1,072
35	Charles Lande	Rowlett, TX, US	\$1,072
36	David Wardell	Murchison, TX, US	\$1,072
37	Jeremy Safer	Austin, TX, US	\$954
38	Lee Sanchez	San Antonio, TX, US	\$954
39	James Cleland	Dallas, TX, US	\$954
40	Raymond Judalet	Houston, TX, US	\$954
41	Mohammad Berenji-Nata	ARLINGTON, TX, US	\$954
42	Ivan Primera	Lavon, TX, US	\$954
43	Michelle Nipko	Austin, TX, US	\$954
44	Kenneth Shelton	DALLAS, TX, US	\$954
45	Henry Chow	SUGAR LAND, TX, US	\$954
46	Christopher Gonzales	Houston, TX, US	\$858
47	Franklin Sears	North Richland Hills, TX, US	\$858
48	Michael Dalton	ASHLAND, MO, US	\$858
49	Bronson Tucker	Round Rock, TX, US	\$858
50	H Houston	LAS VEGAS, NV, US	\$858
51	Luis Avila-Medina	Grapevine, TX, US	\$858
52	Wesley Parnell	Dallas, TX, US	\$858
53	George Rosales	Fort Worth, TX, US	\$858

54	Clifford Matthews	EULESS, TX, US	\$858
55	Rogelio Salinas	SAN ANTONIO, TX, US	\$782
56	Nathanael Kogel	Pflugerville, TX, US	\$782
57	John Lauer	ST PETERS, MO, US	\$782
58	Larry Conn	Mesquite, TX, US	\$782
59	Aaron Garza	Spring, TX, US	\$782
60	Michael Hallen	TAMPA, FL, US	\$782
61	Alan Hearn	Allen, TX, US	\$782
62	Michael White	Forney, TX, US	\$782
63	Alden Albrecht	Sanger, TX, US	\$782
64	Bret Persinger	Wichita, KS, US	\$719
65	Patrick Ryan	Plano, TX, US	\$719
66	Jordan Echols	Plano, TX, US	\$719
67	Edgar Gomez	SAN ANTONIO, TX, US	\$719
68	Deron Mueller	PFLUGERVILLE, TX, US	\$719
69	Kelly Garrett	GREENVILLE, TX, US	\$719
70	Anthony Lee	SANTA YSABEL, CA, US	\$719
71	Scott Allen	Fort Worth, TX, US	\$719
72	James Price	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, US	\$719
73	Michael Rountree	Leawood, KS, US	\$662
74	John Duffey	Tyler, TX, US	\$662
75	Kenneth Underriner	Kemp, TX, US	\$662
76	Francis Ramaekers	Hewitt, TX, US	\$662
77	David Kapanoske	McKinney, TX, US	\$662
78	John Calderone	Richardson, TX, US	\$662
79	Lori Smith	JACKSBORO, TX, US	\$662
80	Jared Inman	Dallas, US, US	\$662
81	Eric Meola	Tulsa, OK, US	\$662
82	Bradley Margo	Oklahoma City, OK, US	\$610
83	Chen Yang	Plano, TX, US	\$610
84	Evan Strickland	Dallas, TX, US	\$610
85	Bennie Davis	Forth Worth, TX, US	\$610
86	Chris Ratcliff	The Colony, TX, US	\$610
87	Scott Griffiths	Humble, TX, US	\$610
88	Brett Kimes	Irving, TX, US	\$610
89	Alfred Gschnell	Godley, TX, US	\$610
90	Michael McMillin	Oklahoma City, OK, US	\$610
91	Donald Howell	WEATHERFORD, TX, US	\$560
92	John Mikulin	Elgin, TX, US	\$560
93	Thomas Chesney	MCKINNEY, TX, US	\$560
94	Donald Knubowitz	PLANO, TX, US	\$560
95	Mark Barrientos	Wichita, KS, US	\$560
96	Peter Lockwood	ARLINGTON, TX, US	\$560
97	Scott Sumrall	Kaufman, TX, US	\$560
98	John Haddad	Schertz, TX, US	\$560
99	Michael Tanner	Corinth, TX, US	\$560

WSOP Circuit events continue at Choctaw Casino Resort through January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Main Event will take place January 21<sup>st</sup>.

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