



**2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Eight
Choctaw Casino Resort
Durant, Oklahoma
Final Report
Ring Event #12
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$345
Entries: 316
Prize Pool: \$91,956
January 21-22, 2012**

JASON PEARCE WINS LAST RING OF CHOCTAW CIRCUIT SERIES

Attendance In Ring Events Up 38 Percent Over Last Year.

Durant, OK (January 24, 2012) — With the crowning of the twelfth champion, Circuit events have concluded at Choctaw Casino Resort located 90 miles north of Dallas.

The winner of the final event was 37-year-old Jason Pearce.

Pearce resides in The Colony, Texas where he works as a network engineer. He was awarded \$21,609 for his first-ever WSOP Circuit cash.

The \$345 No-Limit Hold'em event drew 316 entrants creating a prizepool of \$91,956. Day 1 play began Sunday evening at 5 p.m. At the conclusion of Day 1, 49 players remained with Daniel Saad out in front and Pearce fourth in chips. 33 positions paid, and the money bubble burst midway through Day 2. Saad did not finish in the money.

The final table played out simultaneously with the Main Event's in Center Stage concert hall.

On the final hand, Pearce tabled pocket eights and his opponent tabled pocket sixes. Both players flopped a set, Pearce's set of eights being best.

Seat 1 YUNG "ANDY" HUANG 591,000 in chips
Seat 2 PATRICK RUTH (Houston, TX) 491,000 in chips
Seat 3 MARCO PALACIOS (Austin, TX) 177,000 in chips
Seat 4 KURT BASA (Santa Monica, CA) 210,000 in chips
Seat 5 JASON PEARCE (The Colony, TX) 413,000 in chips
Seat 6 MINH KOUM (Dallas, TX) 228,000 in chips
Seat 7 JERRY GILCHRIST (Midwest City, OK) 418,000 in chips
Seat 8 QUAN NGUYEN (Garland, TX) 476,000 in chips
Seat 9 JARED HEMINGWAY (Greenville, TX) 160,000 in chips

All players who cashed received ranking points toward the \$1 Million Circuit National Championship in Las Vegas scheduled to take place this spring.

A full list of players who cashed in Event #12 will be available on WSOP.com shortly.

The Circuit is already up and running again at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. 12 gold rings events will run through January 30 and the \$1,600 Re-Entry Main Event will take place January 27.

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