

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Choctaw Resort and Casino
Durant, OK
Event #7
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 257
Prize Pool: \$77,100
January 13-14, 2014**



Jed Hoffman Wins Second Gold Ring

\$365 no-limit hold'em final table takes nearly 10 hours to play out. Hoffman perseveres to earn \$18,888.

Durant, OK (January 15, 2014) — He didn't make short work of it, but Jed Hoffman outlasted 257 players in Event 7, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament, to earn \$18,888 and his second gold ring at Choctaw Resort. The second day of the two-day tournament began at 2 p.m. with 23 players remaining. The starting field narrowed to just nine by about 4 p.m. and by 6 p.m. the tournament was three handed.

Suddenly, play slowed to a snail's pace.

Hoffman, James Busoul and Isyck Luna traded chips back and forth, each player more determined to stay alive than the next. After a while, Busoul started referring to himself as a cockroach that just wouldn't go away.

"I had the chip lead three-handed and then I lost four or five flips," Hoffman recounted. "Finally [Busoul and Isyck] went at it and we got heads-up. It was a grind for sure."

Busoul bested Isyck in their confrontation but still had a lot of work to do if he hoped to overcome Hoffman's chip lead. He battled back, doubling up a handful of times, but in the end, the blinds got the best of him and his stack of just a few bets was absorbed by Hoffman's.

"The second [ring] feels better [than the first]," Hoffman said. "I final tabled a bracelet event this summer, so I felt a little less pressure during this smaller event."

Indeed, Hoffman has had a good few months. He kicked things off at this summer's World Series of Poker with a min-cash in a \$1,000 event and came back just four days later to place seventh in a \$1,500 for almost \$57,000. He finished with three other cashes at the series and through the first half of the Circuit season has chalked up four more including two gold ring wins.

In all, the 35-year-old construction management consultant has pocketed just shy of \$115,000 dating back to his opening cash at this summer's series.

While the \$18,000 score in Event 7 may not be his largest payday, it surely was one of his toughest battles and perhaps marks a crowning achievement for the up-and-coming amateur. The final table began shortly after 4 p.m. and Hoffman can hold his head high knowing that when the last river card hit the felt at nearly 2 a.m., he was the last man standing.

Event 7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Choctaw Casino Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 257 players generating a \$77,100 prize pool. The top 27 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 5 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 2 p.m. with 23 players remaining. The nine-handed final table started at about 4:30 p.m. and concluded just before 2 a.m.

Notes on the Event

- The Choctaw Resort Circuit series marks the 12th of 22 events scheduled for the 2013/2014 season.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Choctaw Casino Resort's twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Choctaw Casino Resort:

EVENT #1: Sean Stevens defeated 533 players (\$365 NLH) for \$34,380
EVENT #2: Chris Benoy defeated 254 players (\$365 PLO) for \$18,667
EVENT #3: Chris Bowen defeated 2,867 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$122,567
EVENT #4: Jacob McFarland defeated 483 players (\$365 One-Day NLH) for \$31,159
EVENT #5: Ryan Van Sanford defeated 388 players (\$365 NLH) for \$20,732
EVENT #6: Ivan Primera defeated 396 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$28,512
EVENT #7: Jed Hoffman defeated 257 players (\$365 NLH) for \$18,888

With the seventh tournament wrapped, five more ring events remain at Choctaw Casino Resort.

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