

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Choctaw Resort and Casino
Durant, OK
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 364
Prize Pool: \$109,200
January 14-15, 2014**



Jeremy Downing Takes Down Event 8

Aspiring pro parlays a hot streak of cards into his first gold ring and \$24,017.

Durant, OK (January 15, 2014) — In stark contrast to Event 7, which finished early this morning, Jeremy Downing needed barely three hours to work his way through the final few players in Event 8, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event. Downing, an aspiring pro from Pea Ridge, AR, earned \$24,017, his first ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

“[The ring] is great,” he said. “I’m starting to try to work my way into more professional playing. This is a nice start toward that.”

While it’s telling he was able to navigate the 364-player field, as any experienced pro would admit, it takes some luck to win tournaments. Downing’s Event 8 performance was no exception.

“I started catching hands at the end and got lucky a couple times,” he admitted. “I ran into some good hands at some good times.”

In the end Downing earned the win, a ring and five-figure score – a hefty sum for the 40-year-old currently employed as an electrician.

“I have to be to work tomorrow at 7 a.m.,” he laughed.

Downing’s gold ring performance came at the hands of a final table that included Circuit ring winner Chan Pelton. Pelton, a College Station, TX resident, won his first ring during the 2011/2012 Choctaw series in a \$345 event. A follow-up ring wasn’t meant to be in 2014 as he exited third.

Joining Downing and Pelton in the money were Abraham Araya (44th) making his fourth cash of the series, 2012 Horseshoe Hammond Main Event winner Joshua Williams (37th), two-time ring winner Michael “Carwash” Schneider (28th) and ring winner Jason Mayfield (17th).

“All of the players were great,” Downing said of his opponents. “It was a battle throughout and I happened to get lucky at the right time. It gives me the confidence that I can go farther and do better and keep on going.”

Event 8 was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Choctaw Casino Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 364 players generating a \$109,200 prize pool. The top 45 players were paid.

Day 1 began Tuesday at 12 p.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Wednesday at 2 p.m. with 10 players remaining. The nine-handed final table started shortly after that and concluded at 5:30 p.m.

Notes on the Event

- 2011/2012 Choctaw Casino Main Event winner Abraham Araya finished 44th marking his fourth cash of the 12-day series.
- 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
EVENT #8: Jeremy Downing defeated 364 players (\$365 NLH) for \$24,017

With the eighth tournament wrapped, four more ring events remain at Choctaw Casino Resort.

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