



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	6 November 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em 8-Handed	Entries:	209
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$68,970

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### **MELISA SINGH SEIZES 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICIAL WSOP GOLD RING**

*Poker Pro mounts Day 2 comeback to take down Event #8 at Choctaw Durant Circuit.*

Melisa Singh ran away with a win in Event #8: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em 8-Handed at the World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Choctaw Durant. The New York native succeeded in snagging her first official gold ring and \$16,720 in the two-day tournament.

Event #8 attracted 209 entrants and was reduced all the way down to a final five at the end of Day 1. Coming into Day 2, it took Singh just 50 minutes to mount a complete comeback.

"I came into today the shortest stack, so I was really hoping just to double. I doubled through Pete [Walsworth] who was I think second in chips at the time," said Singh as she attempted to recount her impressive run. "Wow, I don't even remember all the hands."

Drew Irwin was the first victim of Day 2; Next to fall was Walsworth; Joseph Hebert busted out third; And, in a flash, Singh found herself heads up against Carlos Guerrero.

"And I know Carlos... I'm actually here with three friends and Carlos was one of my roommates," Singh revealed.

"He's a superior player," she stated. "I really dreaded getting heads up with him. I mean, I was hoping we would, but I knew that it would be a challenge and I just had to hit a hand to have a chance."

With a strong run of cards, Singh made quick work of her travel companion. The final hand saw Guerrero open with a raise, Singh three bet, and Guerrero retaliate with a four-bet shove. Singh called and her pocket eights held.

Guerrero had to settle for the runner-up spot, banking \$10,355. Although it was a bittersweet win for Singh, she did relish in adding an official gold ring to her résumé.

“I really wanted it,” said Singh who does lay claim to an unofficial gold ring, stemming from the Ladies Event at the Seminole Hard Rock Circuit in 2017. During that same series, the 38-year-old registered her own runner-up finish, narrowly missing out on gold.

This time around, Singh seized the day and it was appropriate timing as the Choctaw Ladies Event was scheduled to start merely two hours after her victory.

“I’ve just started to play tournaments more consistently over the last four months,” mentioned Singh. “Before that, I would just play like once or twice a month.”

The Poker Pro out of Florida has found much success recently in tournament poker, which ultimately led her to the Choctaw Durant Circuit where she continued to shine.

“I’ve had the pleasure of playing tournament series the last few months and I love it so much,” Singh expressed.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Melisa Singh	Age:	38
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	New York	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Hollywood, Fla.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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