



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	11 November 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em (1 Day)	Entries:	289
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$95,370

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### **MICHAEL BROWN WINS ONE-DAY FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> GOLD RING**

*Last scheduled ring event ends with Michael Brown claiming Circuit gold.*

Michael Brown topped the last scheduled event of the Choctaw Durant Circuit series, capturing his first World Series of Poker gold ring. The 53-year-old from Flower Mound, Texas outlasted 288 opposing entrants in Event #13: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em (1 Day), which ended around 2:00 a.m. Monday morning.

“You get to be my age; you can stay focused. The tough thing is just the energy of sitting that long, waiting it out, and trying to remember everybody’s everything so you can play your best against them,” said Brown, alluding to the long day and late hour.

It took just over nine hours for Event #13 to reach a final table and when the time came an assorted group remained.

Four out of the nine finalists were representing the female poker population. Chase Bricker fell first in 9<sup>th</sup> place, then went Gediminas Uselis, winner of the Choctaw High Roller, in 8<sup>th</sup> place, and suddenly, the women out numbered the men, 4:3.

Numerous jokes referencing the ratio were verbalized by the lighthearted table. Tim McBride went bust in 7<sup>th</sup> place, Malissia Zapata in 6<sup>th</sup> place, Andrea Bracken in 5<sup>th</sup> place, three-time gold ring winner Trung Pham in 4<sup>th</sup> place, and Dusti Smith in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Ultimately, the battle of the sexes boiled down to Michael Brown and Elizabeth Hymel (Cloutier), daughter of six-time WSOP gold bracelet winner T.J. Cloutier.

Hymel began heads-up action strong, but a huge double up by Brown put him in position to close it out. Throughout the final table Cloutier watched on as his daughter ran it up all the way to second place for \$13,496.

Along with the golden hardware, Brown pocketed \$21,832, nearly doubling his WSOP earnings.

“Feels awesome,” Brown expressed, following his achievement “I’ve had some close finishes in Circuit events, but there’s a difference in winning the ring, that’s for sure.”

Brown, a Michigan native now living in Texas, tries to frequent the WSOP Circuit at Choctaw Durant when he is able.

“I used to play a lot more, but I’m running a company now. Jobs getting in the way of what I want to do,” Brown said with a smile.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Michael Brown	Age:	53
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Business Owner
Birthplace:	Michigan	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Flower Mound, Tex.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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