



WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	5 January 2020
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight	Entries:	2,107
Buy-in:	\$250	Prizepool:	\$421,400

RON ROBINSON CONQUERS MULTI-FLIGHT FOR 2ND RING

Texas resident earns his second Choctaw Circuit title of the season.

After taking down a one-day ring event back in July, Ron Robinson returned to Choctaw Durant and captured his second World Series of Poker title of the 2019/20 Circuit season.

The Insurance Data Analyst navigated through a large field of 2,107 entrants in Event #2: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight to capture gold ring number two along with a \$58,615 payday. The tournament encompassed four Day 1s and took three days to complete.

Out of so many hands played, a moment during Day 1C stood out in Robinson's head. At a point where he was determined to make an all-in play, Robinson caught a pair of fives on the flop and made the move. His shove was met by pocket kings. An ace hit on the turn, giving Robinson two pair and new life.

From there, he sailed to the second-leading chip stack bagged in Flight C. During Day 2 on Sunday, the smooth ride continued. Robinson made the final table of nine with more chips than all except one of his opponents.

Two-time gold ring winner Kyle Birdwell dominated Flight A, entered Day 2 as the overall chip leader, and entered the final table as chip leader. Birdwell was poised for another photo finish, but lost control of his superior stack shortly into final-table play.

A chunk of Birdwell's chips went over to Robinson, giving the 56-year-old a hefty chip advantage. With eight people left and a 60-minute dinner break looming, Robinson estimated that he held around 1/3 of the chips in play.

“I realized after the dinner break, I got tired. And actually, I sat here for like 5-10 minutes kind of meditating,” mentioned Robinson. “For the first time ever in my life I was thinking ‘ok, when I go back to this final table, I have the chip lead. I’m just going to grind and get it.’”

Robinson was eyeing up his second Choctaw title and eventually made it to the final two where he faced Rene Castillo. Just the same as his previous heads-up match for a Circuit glory, Robinson began at a disadvantage as Castillo controlled the chip lead.

When asked if his past experience aided with the obstacle, Robinson responded with “Absolutely. I just said I can’t give up. I kept trying, two or three different ways, to try to break his wall of chips. I would limp in. I would raise excessively on the button... I tried all these different things. And then, I just finally realized I just had to make a stand.”

And take a stand he did. The biggest pot of heads-up play, and the tournament, occurred near the end of Level 34. A king-high flop provided Castillo with two pair and Robinson with an ace-high flush draw.

Both players opted all in with nearly the exact same amount of chips and a race ensued. Robinson was chasing a third heart and Castillo needed to fade some outs.

The turn was a dud. Then, the queen of diamonds landed on the river. Although it was not a heart, to Robinson’s delight, the face card completed a Broadway straight using the ace in his hand. The 20-million-chip pot left Castillo with a mere 800,000, which Robinson confiscated the very next hand.

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Name:	Ron Robinson	Age:	56
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Insurance Data Analyst
Birthplace:	France	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Dallas, Tex.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	1

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