



WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	8 January 2020
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	341
	Double Stack	Prizepool:	\$112,530
Buy-in:	\$400		

DANIEL BUTLER WINS 1ST RING IN \$400 DOUBLE STACK

Dealer from Texas makes tournament entry count at Choctaw Durant.

Daniel Butler became the newest World Series of Poker champ on Wednesday at the Choctaw Durant Circuit stop. The 33-year-old Texas native topped a field of 341 entrants in Event #7: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Double Stack, earning his first gold ring and \$23,997.

The tourney took two days to complete and when the final card hit Butler was ecstatic.

"A lot," Butler answered when asked what the ring meant to him. "I've been chasing this dude for a long time. It's been crazy, you know... It's been a long time coming."

Butler deals for a living in his hometown of Waco. He tries to make at least one event per series at the southern Oklahoma casino, and this time around, he made his entry count.

"I made a big lady down on Day 1 that if I would have called I would have been out of the tournament, so that kind of shifted the momentum going into Day 2," said Butler.

A saving fold kept Butler in the hunt, leading to his berth to Day 2 with just 14 others.

The final table was a bit of a roller coaster for everyone, following its formation. Butler, coming in with 16 big blinds, caught some heat in the middle of final-table action, scoring multiple knockouts, and amassed nice cushion for himself.

Later, during three-handed play, chips began changing hands repeatedly. Ramin Kaikhah was the first to double up, chunking away Butler's chip lead.

“Yeah, man, it was crazy. The up and down. Lost a big hand early and I didn’t know if I was going to be able to come back from it,” Butler recounted.

However, Butler soon retaliated with a double up back through Kaikhah. Then, lying in the wait for so long, Juli Black finally scored her own double up through Kaikhah as well.

After the two hits, Kaikhah could not recover, dropping in 3rd place for \$\$10,688. This set up a fairly even start to heads-up action between Butler and Black. Butler gained the momentum early on and ultimately took the crown with pocket tens.

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Name:	Daniel Butler	Age:	33
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Dealer
Birthplace:	Fort Worth, Tex.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Waco, Tex.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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