WSOP CIRCUIT 2019-20
EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	12 January 2020
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Bounty	Entries:	226
Buy-in:	$400	Prizepool:	$51,980

SAI RAGHU UPPALA WINS 1ST WSOP GOLD RING

Software Engineer collects numerous bounties in debut Circuit-title run.

Sai Raghu Uppala became the Bounty king at Choctaw Durant on Sunday when he went on his first World Series of Poker Circuit title run. The 32-year-old Software Engineer topped a field of 226 entries in Event #12: $400 No-Limit Hold'em Bounty to win his first gold ring.

The tournament took two days to complete and Uppala was the player to bag as chip leader at the end of Day 1. During Day 2, he picked up right where he left off, building his stack to new heights.

"People were calling thinking I have nothing," said Uppala, who was playing fairly aggressive with the big stack in front of him. "I was patient enough and I was waiting for my hands. And then, representing like a bluff and they were never believing me."

Uppala capitalized on players notions that he was simply trying to steal the blinds by waiting for premium hands. A double knockout by Uppala, with 10 players remain, left him towering over his opponents going into the final-table redraw.

From there, he carried himself through the finish line with ease. All in all, the native of India scored around 20 knockouts. Along with an estimated $2,000 in bounties, Uppala was also awarded $12,100 for his first-place achievement.

"This is a lot to me because I've been a big cash game player, but now I'm switching back to tournaments," Uppala stated. "Since November I came to play full event for a week. First time in Choctaw."

Choctaw Durant's Circuit in the fall was Uppala's first real introduction to a WSOP series. The native of India lived in Detroit for five years where very few poker tournaments are held, but later moved to the state of Kansas.

After cashing three out of four tournaments back in November, Uppala decided to return to the southern Oklahoma Circuit for another round and took down ring Event #12, becoming the Bounty king.

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Name:	Sai Raghu Uppala	Age:	32
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Birthplace:	India	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Overland Park, Kans.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0	

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