



WSOP CIRCUIT 2021-22 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	13 January 2022
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em 6-Handed	Entries:	306
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$100,980

JAMES CORDRAY TOPS SIX MAX FOR 1ST GOLD RING

Texas native enters Choctaw Six Max and comes away with first-ever WSOP cash after two crucial Ace-King cracks.

With his first-ever World Series of Poker cash, James Cordray captured his first Circuit gold ring Thursday afternoon at the Choctaw Durant tournament series. The Texas native outlasted a field of 306 players in Event #7: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max.

The six-handed style competition took two days to reach a conclusion. Cordray disclosed a crucial hand that kept him alive on Day 1 and was ultimately reflected during the final showdown.

"I got really lucky against this guy. I had King-Jack, he had Ace-King, and it was for my tournament life. I hit a Jack on the flop and it ran out. Ever since then, I ran it up," explained Cordray. "I just ran really good."

Day 2 began with four contenders remaining. Cordray, France's Vincent Chauve, Ben Thompson, and Ali Jafari made up the finalists. It only took 45 minutes of Day 2 action for Cordray to acquire every chip in play, with Chauve being his last opponent.

The final hand saw Cordray once again cracking Big Slick. Chauve got it all in good with Ace-King against Cordray's Ace-Ten. However, a ten on the flop sealed the tournament for Cordray and the Frenchman fell one spot short of the gold ring.

Chauve has twice finished in 2nd-place and taken a 3rd-place finish so far during the 2021/22 WSOP Circuit season. As the runner-up he banked \$14,122 while Cordray walked away with the top prize of \$22,851.

“It feels great,” said Cordray after his win. “I’ve been playing for ten years, just here and there, and never really won a tournament like this. I work a lot, so I really don’t get time to play that much,” he continued. “One of my friends told me about the tournaments out here. I took vacation from work and came out here and tried.”

It ended up being a profitable vacation for the 34-year-old Warehouse Selector. On top of the cash prize and WSOP gold ring, Cordray will get another shot at a nice payday during the Tournament of Champions in July of 2022.

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Name:	James Cordray	Age:	34
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Warehouse Selector
Birthplace:	North Richards Hills, TX	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Fort Worth, TX	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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