

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Choctaw Casino Resort
Durant, OK
Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em Turbo
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 343
Prize Pool: \$102,900
January 13, 2013



Erin Slaughter Butchers the Competition

Two-time WSOP Circuit champion Drazen Ilich finishes third, records 12th final table appearance.

Durant, Okla. (January 14, 2013) — Erin Slaughter made minced meat of the competition in Event 2, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament, at Choctaw Resort early Monday morning. It took the newly turned poker professional just 12 hours and 45 minutes to trim the field from the 343 starting entrants to just one.

Slaughter pocketed \$23,660 for what was his first major tournament victory. He also donned the WSOP Circuit gold ring and chalked up 50 points toward the Casino Champion's race.

"I just started playing [poker] in August and it's important to me that I have something to look at to remind myself I can do it," Slaughter said of the significance of the ring. "I've been trying really hard for six months solid and this is a token of my accomplishment. I hope to get a whole bunch more."

To many, breaking through and scoring a major tournament win after just sixth months of playing live poker may seem like the fast track to success, but to Slaughter, the victory was a long time coming.

"It doesn't feel [early]. I've been trying really hard, non-stop. This is a fun job to me," Slaughter said.

His road to the winner's circle went through two-time WSOP Circuit champion and 2011 National Championship seventh place finisher Drazen Ilich. Ilich made his 12th career Circuit final table appearance and was poised for his third victory, beginning the finale first in chips, but eventually fell victim to instances of erratic play that often characterize the late stages of turbo events. The finish awarded him \$10,674 and 30 points toward the Casino Champion's race.

Slaughter says he plans to play as many events as he can between now and the series' conclusion January 21. Though he is currently tied for the early lead in the Casino Championship, earning points takes a back seat to expanding his tournament resume.

Event 3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Choctaw Resort. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo tournament attracted 343 entries. The total prize pool came to \$102,900 and the top 36 players got paid.

The tournament began Sunday at 12 p.m. and played out in its entirety in one day. The nine-handed final table began at 10:30 p.m. Play finished at about 12:45 a.m. making the total duration of the final table two hours and 15 minutes the duration of the entire tournament 12 hours and 45 minutes including a one-hour dinner break.

Notes on the Event

- Event 3 was the first turbo event of the 2012-2013 series at Choctaw Resort.
- The final table included two gold ring champions; Benjamin Reason (8th), and Ilich (3rd.)
- Excluding the one-hour dinner break, the tournament lasted less than 12 hours.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Choctaw Resort's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Choctaw Resort:

EVENT #1: James Henson defeated 481 players (\$365 NLH) for \$31,021

EVENT #2: TBD

EVENT #3: Erin Slaughter defeated 343 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$23,660

With the third tournament wrapped, nine more ring events remain at Choctaw Casino.

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