

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season Nine

Choctaw Casino Resort

Durant, OK

Event #6

No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 383

Prize Pool: \$114,900

January 15-16, 2013

Kevin Eyster Tops Casino Championship Leaderboard

23-year-old pro bests 383 in Event 6, co-leads Choctaw Resort Casino Champion's race.

Durant, Okla. (January 16, 2013) — Kevin Eyster is tied for the lead in the Choctaw Resort Casino Championship following a victory in Event 6, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament, Wednesday night. Eyster, who earned 10 points toward the cumulative race by finishing 40th in Event 2 three days ago, added 50 more points to his series total after his winning performance.

In addition to points, Eyster also won \$27,573 and his first WSOP Circuit gold ring, a memento he said weighed heavier on his mind than the points lead.

“No,” Eyster replied when asked if the Casino Championship served as motivation. “This first ring was pretty big motivation. I guess now [the Casino Championship] will turn into motivation for me, but before it was one step at a time. See the money first, then the ring, then the Casino Championship.”

Eyster's shot at topping the points leaderboard was the predominant headline at the final table, but all eyes were on Omaha-based pro Brett Schwertley when Day 2 began three hours prior. Schwertley was recording his 29th career cash, moving him into fourth place all time, and had a chance at winning his fourth WSOP Circuit championship.

Unfortunately, Schwertley's headline fizzled, as he became Day 2's first elimination. He finished 11th and earned \$1,751. While the finish moved him up the all-time cash list, he came up short of an elusive fourth ring.

Eyster proved too much to handle, and, like Schwertley, the final table's chip leader Isaac Do couldn't best the 23-year-old pro from Lafayette, La. The pair duelled for what seemed like hours before Eyster's trip nines bested Do's flush and straight draws to bring the tournament to a close.

Eyster, who dropped out of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to pursue poker full time, says his career has been filled with a lot of ups and downs.

“Right now it's up,” he said with a smile.

