

2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Choctaw Casino Resort
Durant, OK
Event #9
Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 266
Prize Pool: \$79,800
January 16-17, 2013



David Nicholson Becomes a Three-Time Champion

Three rings in less than two years for the Mississippi-based professional.

Durant, Okla. (January 18, 2013) — David Nicholson kick started his career with a victory in the 2011 Horseshoe Bossier City Main Event Championship for \$148,590. A month later he solidified his place on the WSOP Circuit with a follow-up win at Horseshoe Hammond. The young pro had a taste for success, recording two victories in just his first six cashes on the WSOP Circuit.

Then he went winless for a month. Then for another month. Then for six months. Then for a year.

“I didn’t think I’d get back to the winner’s circle,” Nicholson admitted.

He had recorded six final table appearances since his last victory and wouldn’t get over the hump again until his seventh, which came Thursday night at Choctaw Resort.

Nicholson began the final table of Event 9, a \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha event, third in chips and determined to get back to the winner’s circle. The road wasn’t always smooth, but Nicholson went on to best 266 entrants in the \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha tournament and got over the hump to the tune of a \$19,547 pay day and his third Circuit ring.

“It’s been a long time coming. I’ve had a lot of close calls,” Nicholson said. “Cashing is hard and winning is even harder. I definitely don’t expect to win every event, but it has been over a year. I figured I would have won another by now. Sometimes the cards don’t run right.”

While many may not consider his 15-month winless spell much of a slump at all, Nicholson holds himself to a different standard. At only 27 years old he already experienced tremendous success and hopes for much more of it while at the same time realizing how special winning is.

“I’ll definitely enjoy it,” Nicholson said of his most recent performance. “Like I said, I haven’t gotten a win in a while so it feel good. But the Main Event is tomorrow so it’s right back to work. I’ll enjoy it for a few hours I guess.”

Nicholson's championship performance undoubtedly gave his confidence a boost heading into the \$1,000,000 guarantee Main Event. Maybe he'll record a follow-up victory, maybe he'll go winless for another year. Either way, he's a three-time champion and his name is firmly etched in the Circuit record books.

Event 9 was the ninth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Choctaw Resort. The \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha tournament attracted 266 entries. The total prize pool came to \$79,800 and the top 27 players were paid.

Day 1 began Wednesday at 5 p.m. and lasted 16 levels. Day 2 began Thursday at 2 p.m. with 37 players remaining. The nine-handed final table began at 7:15 p.m. Play finished at about 12:30 p.m. making the total duration of the final table five hours and 15 minutes.

Notes on the Event

- Event 9 was the first non-Hold'em tournament of the 2012-2013 series at Choctaw Resort.
- Allen "Chainsaw" Kessler finished ninth, recording his second final table appearance.

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: Ross Bybee defeated 2,209 players (\$580 NLH Re-Entry) for \$168,433
EVENT #3: Erin Slaughter defeated 343 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$23,660
EVENT #4: Aaron Ruppert defeated 338 players (\$365 NLH) for \$23,326
EVENT #5: Michael Hahn defeated 316 players (\$365 NLH) for \$22,276
EVENT #6: Kevin Eyster defeated 383 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$27,573
EVENT #7: Michael Schneider defeated 283 players (\$365 NLH) for \$20,374
EVENT #8: Allan Farber defeated 356 players (\$365 NLH) for \$24,569
EVENT #9: David Nicholson defeated 266 players (\$365 PLO) for \$19,547

With the ninth tournament wrapped, three more ring events remain at Choctaw Casino.

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