

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Choctaw Resort and Casino
Durant, OK
Event #5
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 288
Prize Pool: \$86,400
January 12-13, 2014**



Ryan Van Sanford Bests Star-Studded Finale at Choctaw

Three-time ring winner La Sengphet exits 10th, gold bracelet winner Ylon Schwartz fourth and two-time ring winner John Land third.

20-year-old Van Sanford earns first gold ring and \$20,732.

Durant, OK (January 14, 2014) — At just 20 years old Ryan Van Sanford lays claim to the Circuit's most coveted prize – a gold ring.

The Colorado Springs, CO resident bested 288 at Choctaw Casino Resort early Tuesday in Event 5, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event, donning gold and pocketing \$20,732 in the process. In addition to his first Circuit win, the finish marks his first live cash and the Choctaw series marks the first live trip for the young pro.

"I was nervous I was going to brick the whole trip," he said. "To come out with a ring is incredible."

If earning gold before you're even old enough to have a cocktail to celebrate wasn't impressive enough, Van Sanford, who's a full two years clear of the 18-year minimum to play in Oklahoma, put an exclamation point on his victory by besting one of the most decorated tournaments of the season.

Three-time ring winner La Sengphet lead the second and final day of play but stumbled nearing the final table exiting 10th. While her exit was good news for the final table, Van Sanford was far from in the clear.

Still remaining were gold bracelet winner Ylon Schwartz, two-time ring winner "Cowboy" John Land and Horseshoe Hammond six-handed winner Ben Keeline. Van Sanford had Keeline's number, doubling through him three times before Keeline exited eighth.

Next of the notables to hit the rail was Schwartz in fourth, then Land in third. Finally, only James Canada and his convincing chip lead stood between Van Sanford and a \$20,000 payday.

Canada, who was rarely without a beverage during the late stages of play, surrendered a handful of double ups to Van Sanford and suddenly it was anybody's game. Van Sanford was all

