2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 10 Choctaw Resort and Casino Durant, OK Event #6 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65) Total Entries: 396 Prize Pool: \$118,800 January 13-14, 2014



Ivan Primera Goes From Worst to First

Six-handed event sees unlikely victor emerge after battling a short stack.

Primera pockets \$28,512 and his first gold ring.

Durant, OK (January 14, 2014) — There were three players left in Event 6, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed tournament, when Ivan Primera leaned over to the rail and explained it makes a better story when the short stack comes out on top.

At the time he was at a severe disadvantage to Jason Brewer's chip lead and even a far cry from Gary Gerloff in second. By his own admission, the statement was made in jest, but Primera knew a victory was only improbable – not impossible.

"I was half jokingly saying that," Primera said. "But in the back of my head I had it in my mind... I can make a comeback. I like playing short stack poker."

When Brewer eliminated Gerloff third, it looked like the tournament was all but over. Primera didn't feel like leaving, though. He doubled, and doubled again. He won some medium-sized pots without a showdown. He got lucky, sure, but he picked his spots and did his best to get his chips in good.

"I was being patient knowing I can't really gamble," Primera said.

While he may like playing with a chip deficit, he wasn't about to push away the 3,960,000 chips he earned after eliminating Jason Brewer second.

"It makes [the win] more special," he said of his unlikely comeback.

To put perspective on Primera's road to the winner's circle, the event had 3,960,000 chips in play. At one point at the 4,000/8,000 level, he held a mere 40,000 chips. During heads-up play, by his own estimation, he flirted with a stack of just 100,000 chips. Unfortunately for his opponents, none of that matters now.

Primera earned \$28,512, his first gold ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship. The win moves him into a tie for second on the 12-day leaderboard and gives him momentum