

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Choctaw Resort and Casino
Durant, OK
Event #7
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 257
Prize Pool: \$77,100
January 13-14, 2014**



Jed Hoffman Wins Second Gold Ring

\$365 no-limit hold'em final table takes nearly 10 hours to play out. Hoffman perseveres to earn \$18,888.

Durant, OK (January 15, 2014) — He didn't make short work of it, but Jed Hoffman outlasted 257 players in Event 7, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament, to earn \$18,888 and his second gold ring at Choctaw Resort. The second day of the two-day tournament began at 2 p.m. with 23 players remaining. The starting field narrowed to just nine by about 4 p.m. and by 6 p.m. the tournament was three handed.

Suddenly, play slowed to a snail's pace.

Hoffman, James Busoul and Isyck Luna traded chips back and forth, each player more determined to stay alive than the next. After a while, Busoul started referring to himself as a cockroach that just wouldn't go away.

"I had the chip lead three-handed and then I lost four or five flips," Hoffman recounted. "Finally [Busoul and Isyck] went at it and we got heads-up. It was a grind for sure."

Busoul bested Isyck in their confrontation but still had a lot of work to do if he hoped to overcome Hoffman's chip lead. He battled back, doubling up a handful of times, but in the end, the blinds got the best of him and his stack of just a few bets was absorbed by Hoffman's.

"The second [ring] feels better [than the first]," Hoffman said. "I final tabled a bracelet event this summer, so I felt a little less pressure during this smaller event."

Indeed, Hoffman has had a good few months. He kicked things off at this summer's World Series of Poker with a min-cash in a \$1,000 event and came back just four days later to place seventh in a \$1,500 for almost \$57,000. He finished with three other cashes at the series and through the first half of the Circuit season has chalked up four more including two gold ring wins.

In all, the 35-year-old construction management consultant has pocketed just shy of \$115,000 dating back to his opening cash at this summer's series.

