

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Choctaw Resort and Casino
Durant, OK
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 364
Prize Pool: \$109,200
January 14-15, 2014**



Jeremy Downing Takes Down Event 8

Aspiring pro parlays a hot streak of cards into his first gold ring and \$24,017.

Durant, OK (January 15, 2014) — In stark contrast to Event 7, which finished early this morning, Jeremy Downing needed barely three hours to work his way through the final few players in Event 8, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event. Downing, an aspiring pro from Pea Ridge, AR, earned \$24,017, his first ring and 50 points toward the Casino Championship.

“[The ring] is great,” he said. “I’m starting to try to work my way into more professional playing. This is a nice start toward that.”

While it’s telling he was able to navigate the 364-player field, as any experienced pro would admit, it takes some luck to win tournaments. Downing’s Event 8 performance was no exception.

“I started catching hands at the end and got lucky a couple times,” he admitted. “I ran into some good hands at some good times.”

In the end Downing earned the win, a ring and five-figure score – a hefty sum for the 40-year-old currently employed as an electrician.

“I have to be to work tomorrow at 7 a.m.,” he laughed.

Downing’s gold ring performance came at the hands of a final table that included Circuit ring winner Chan Pelton. Pelton, a College Station, TX resident, won his first ring during the 2011/2012 Choctaw series in a \$345 event. A follow-up ring wasn’t meant to be in 2014 as he exited third.

Joining Downing and Pelton in the money were Abraham Araya (44th) making his fourth cash of the series, 2012 Horseshoe Hammond Main Event winner Joshua Williams (37th), two-time ring winner Michael “Carwash” Schneider (28th) and ring winner Jason Mayfield (17th).

“All of the players were great,” Downing said of his opponents. “It was a battle throughout and I happened to get lucky at the right time. It gives me the confidence that I can go farther and do better and keep on going.”

