

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Choctaw Resort and Casino
Durant, OK
Event #10
One-Day No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)
Total Entries: 389
Prize Pool: \$194,500
January 15, 2014



Charles Tonne Earns \$3,889 an Hour

Tonne bests one-day \$580 event in no time, pockets \$42,787 following an 11-hour session.

Durant, OK (January 15, 2014) — Charles Tonne won the lion's share of the \$194,500 prize pool in Event 10, a \$580 One-Day No-Limit Hold'em ring event. Most impressively, it took the now-two-time ring winner less than 11 hours of playing time, meaning his \$42,787 first prize came in the form of a \$3,889 hourly wage.

Being the only one-day event with a \$580 buy-in in recent memory, the field in Event 10 was quite decorated for a turbo-formatted tournament. In-the-money finishers included previous Choctaw turbo winner Jacob McFarland (40th) and three-time ring winner Brett Schwertley (36th). Joining Tonne at the final table were 2012/2013 Choctaw Main Event runner-up Matt Kirby (ninth), WSOP final tablist Jonathan Bennett (eighth) and gold ring winner Jason Mayfield (fourth).

"[The field] was a little bit more talented than the other [turbos] I've played before," Tonne said. "It was a good tournament with a lot of good players. I was fortunate to make it this far."

Without selling Tonne's game short, the one-day events certainly take an element of luck to get through – something Tonne had no shortage of.

The 35-year-old plumber came to the final table with almost 1,200,000 of the 4,600,000 chips in play. Cards were in the air for the finale by 10:45 p.m. and before midnight, Tonne earned gold.

Tonne's previous ring came during the 2011/2012 season at Horseshoe Hammond. There, he outlasted 153 players in a \$350 Pot-Limit Omaha with Re-Buys event to earn \$37,560. The following summer he made a trip to the Series and diversified his resume with two additional cashes including a runner-up finish in a \$1,500 Pot-Limit Omaha bracelet event for \$164,132.

"I feel a little more confident in my hold'em game now because I've already had a couple big scores in Omaha," Tonne following his one-day win.

Despite almost \$250,000 in career earnings at the WSOP, Tonne does not consider himself a pro. Rather, he keeps a full time job and does contract work on the side. He says his journey to Choctaw simply lined up with some time off.

