2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 10 Choctaw Resort and Casino Durant, OK Event #11 Main Event No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$1,500 (+\$175)

Total Entries: 1,428
Prize Pool: \$2,142,000
January 17-20, 2014



## Tyler Morris Wins Choctaw Main Event and \$369K

Series finale draws 1,428 entries, fourth largest Main Event in Circuit's 10-year history.

**Durant, OK** (**January 21, 2014**) — The latest champion on the World Series of Poker Circuit was crowned early Tuesday morning at Choctaw Casino in Durant, OK. Tyler Morris from Tyler, TX outlasted a field of 1,428 entries to win the \$1,675 Main Event – the fourth largest Main Event in Circuit history.

Morris was rewarded with a \$369,503 first prize as well as a Circuit ring and a seat in the season-ending WSOP National Championship.

"I started feeling good with five people to go," Morris said. "Everyone at the final table was so cool. It really helped out play and made decisions easy."

The final day of play began with 16 hopefuls returning to the felt with the dream of becoming the next Circuit champion. The field was whittled down to the final table rather quickly as players like start-of-Day-2 chip leader Nathanael Kogel hit the rail.

After more than two hours of nine-handed play, the final table saw its first casualty when Julie Walker fell from contention. Walker, the last woman standing in the field, lost a race when her pocket tens were outrun by ace-king. She busted ninth and collected a \$36,650 payday.

From there, Morris watched as players continued to fall. Circuit regular Michael Sanders was eliminated in eighth place and Jesse Capps followed him out the door in seventh. Two-time Circuit ring winner Joshua Evans was denied a third piece of jewelry, exiting the tournament sixth.

Jeff Gibralter was looking not only for his second Circuit ring, but his second Main Event victory. Unfortunately for the 2012/2013 Bossier City Main Event champion, the dream would not come true in Durant. He was eliminated fifth and forced to settle for a \$97,204 prize.

From there, Preston Harwell was eliminated fourth and Clyde Walters third, leaving Penka and Morris to play for the top prize. Their heads up match lasted several hours with tension mounting with each all in, double up and the occasional chopped pot.