2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit Season 10 Choctaw Resort and Casino Durant, OK Event #12 No-Limit Hold'em Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 427 Prize Pool: \$128,100 January 19-20, 2014



## **Cody Brinn for the Win**

A victory in the final ring event and the \$28K score that follows redeem a 12-day dry spell for a young pro.

**Durant, OK** (**January 20, 2014**) — Cody Brinn's Choctaw Circuit series started hot when he worked his way through the massive 2,867-entrant re-entry event to earn his first WSOP cash of 2014. While the 255th-place finish didn't quite earn him enough to retire on, it was surely a sign of good things to come for the rest of the series.

Or so he thought.

Brinn came up dry in each of the subsequent ring events he entered. He registered for the opening flight of the Main Event and busted. He gave it another shot in Flight B and busted that, too. With just one ring event remaining, it wasn't looking good for the young pro.

The funny thing about poker, though, is the last hand doesn't matter. He registered for the 12th and final ring event, a \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament set to take place at 4 p.m. the Sunday before series' end. He worked his way through Day 1, bagging in the money and just outside the top 15 counts.

He parlayed his Day 2 berth – just his second of the series – into the final table chip lead and, in the end, a \$28,186 first prize and a gold ring.

Brinn bested a talented in-the-money field that included Ralph Massey (40th), DJ Mackinnon (35th) and Abraham Araya (33rd).

For Araya it marked his fifth cash of the series. An impressive feat and in direct contrast to the series Brinn had. Though, Brinn's 1st and 255th-place finishes are preferable to Araya's 12th, 33rd, 42nd, 44th and 252nd-place finishes.

Event 12 was the last of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Choctaw Casino Resort. The \$365 One-Day No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 427 players generating a \$128,100 prize pool. The top 45 players were paid.