

## **2015-16 World Series of Poker Circuit**

**Season 12**

**Choctaw Casino Resort**

**Durant, OK**

**Event #2**

**Pot-Limit Omaha**

**Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)**

**Total Entries: 242**

**Prize Pool: \$72,600**

**January 7-8, 2016**



## **Eric Crews Breaks Through at Choctaw**

**Houston pro wins the gold ring and \$17,787 in Event #2**

**Choctaw, OK (January 9, 2016)** — Eric Crews is the first player to strike gold this year at Choctaw Casino Resort. Crews defeated a field of 242 players in Event #2 to win the ring in the \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha tournament. For his work over the two-day stretch, he also collected \$17,787 in cash and 50 points in the race for Casino Champion at this venue.

Crews is a 38-year-old poker pro from the suburbs of Houston, and he's been playing poker as a job since 2001. He got off to a bit of a sluggish start on Day 1, dropping down to 3,300 chips from his starting stack of 10,000.

“Around Level 6, though,” he said, “I started hitting some cards.”

Crews went on a late-day rush, bagging up a fifth-place stack with 12 players remaining. His Day 2 started slowly as well, but a monster pot during nine-handed play catapulted him straight to the top of the leaderboard. With one player all in pre flop, Crews and two other live players took a K-8-3 flop. All three of them ended up all in as well, with Crews having the others slightly covered.

“We get it all in and turn it over,” he explained. “Lo and behold, I'm ahead. Way surprised.” Crews showed a modest J-J-T-X for a pair of jacks, and all three opponents had smaller pairs or draws. Two blanks later, and Crews was suddenly the chip leader, earning the rare triple knockout at a most crucial time.

“Naked jacks,” he nodded his head, smiling broadly as he thought back through the hand. “I guess I could have picked up a draw on the turn. Backdoor outs, you know? But I like to gamble,” he smirked again. “I'm from Houston.”

