



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino & Resort (Durant, OK)	Date:	6 November 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Six-Max	Entries:	255
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$84,150

JARED HEMINGWAY WINS \$400 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM SIX-MAX

Veteran Texas grinder scores first ring and \$20,616 five days after a runner-up finish.

To say that Jared Hemingway likes playing at Choctaw would be an understatement. Last year at this stop, he finished fourth in the main event, and this year, he's putting on a clinic of poker skill.

He started off the series with a runner-up finish in the \$250 no-limit hold'em double stack. A few days later, he cashed in the \$400 no-limit hold'em single day. On Tuesday, he continued his heater with a victory in the \$400 no-limit hold'em six-max.

For Hemingway, a very distant relative of the famous author Ernest, this isn't a continuation of an extended heater. This is one of the few times he had the opportunity to play a tournament since the summer.

"I actually haven't played a lot of poker since the World Series," said the Texas native. "I went to a series in Bossier City and then I played this. This is the first Circuit tournament I've played this year. This is home. I'm lucky, so I got lucky here. I'm a lucky guy."

With his hot start in just the first five events of the series, Hemingway put some distance between himself and the rest of the field in the Casino Championship race. While variance definitely has something to do with his early lead, it was something he set out to do from the beginning. Win that title.

"I was already going to fire everything anyway," said Hemingway. "I was planning on doing it. Of course, if I got halfway through and didn't have any luck, I'd maybe give up and just

play the main event and that'd be it. But I came in planning on playing a full schedule. So it's kind of cool that it's working out. I've never tried to win a Casino Champion title because I've never been able to play a full stop. Even here I've always had other arrangement or other things going on."

Just by looking at his tournament results, Hemingway doesn't look like a guy that would have trouble finding time to play poker tournaments. He's got over \$300,000 in tournament earnings and has a runner-up finish in a \$1,500 Omaha hi-lo event at the 2017 World Series of Poker.

He looks and plays like a professional poker player, but that's one thing he is adamant about not being.

"Let's make one thing real clear. I am not a professional poker player," said Hemingway. "I am a consultant for medical offices."

Hemingway earned a B.S. in computer science and ended up working as a production manager for a packing and manufacturing company in Kansas City. He wasn't ever a professional poker player. Poker did and still does, however, play a big role in his life.

He even met his wife at a poker game in East Texas, which is what caused him to leave Kansas City and move back to Texas. She's a physician and he works with her to help run her practice.

He is and always will be a skilled recreational player. At one point at the final table he mentioned to the table "I guarantee you that I've played more hands of \$4/\$8 limit hold'em than anybody you've ever met."

A recreational player that dominated the final table. He came into the final table second in chips behind Daniel Jones and was never short on chips. According to the eventual champion, he was never technically at-risk of busting.

"For the most part, it was smooth sailing. I didn't have any real confrontations," said Hemingway. "I was never all in and at-risk one time. I was never all in, at-risk and called. So, I was never all in and called one time in this tournament. Which is unusual."

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Name: Jared Hemingway
Nationality: American
Birthplace: Greenville, TX
Current Residence: Greenville, TX

Age: 42
Profession: Consultant
WSOP Bracelets: 0
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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