



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino & Resort	Date:	8 November 2018
(Durant, OK)		Entries:	129
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Prizepool:	\$42,570
Buy-in:	\$400		

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### **BART BOGARD WINS \$400 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM**

*Local favorite takes over casino championship lead with victory and first ring.*

You know you're running hot when you playing, and dominating, two events at once. Bart Bogard's performance on Thursday in Choctaw epitomizes how hot he's been running over the last few weeks.

Bogard won the \$400 no-limit hold'em for \$11,916 while he was blinding off his stack in the \$400 no-limit hold'em monster stack. He wasn't really worried about his chips in the monster stack, however, since he already tripled his stack in the two hours before starting the second and final day of the \$400 no-limit hold'em.

"[In the] First level I regg'ed it and I figured why not?" said Bogard. "In the first two levels I had around 100K, which was 700 bigs or 800 bigs, so I know that I didn't have to worry about it for a while, so I could focus over here."

He would make the most of his breaks in the \$400 no-limit hold'em by hopping over into the monster stack and playing a couple hands. At his peak, he was around 160,000 in chips.

In the meantime, when he wasn't hitting and running his tournament table, he was defeating the 129-entry field to score his first ring. It's his fourth cash of the series, scoring a third-place finish in the \$250 no-limit hold'em double stack, a 43<sup>rd</sup> in the \$400 multi-flight re-entry no-limit hold'em, and an eighth-place finish in the \$400 no-limit hold'em six-max before he earned his first Circuit victory.

"I don't know. I've just been killing it," said Bogard. "There's not much to say."

Residing in Wylie, TX, Bogard is a regular at many of the major tournament stops in Oklahoma and the surrounding area. He owns a roofing company, so he fits squarely into the 'weekend warrior' mold of poker player.

"Me and my friend Jon Bennett. We travel everywhere on the weekend and all the local casinos here in Oklahoa. Played Vegas and the Main Event a couple times and had some luck."

With his victory, Bogard overtook Jared Hemingway for the lead in the Casino Championship at the stop. Coming into Thursday, he knew he had some work to do to catch the fellow Texan, which was why he decided to multi-table.

The 38-year-old started the day as the shortest of 19 stacks returning to the tournament area. Some people panic at the thought of possibly busting so quickly. Bogard embraces it. It's his strong suit.

"I can grind a short stack really well," said Bogard. "I made it all the way to 13<sup>th</sup> floating between 10 and 20 bigs. I folded a couple big hands at the final table. I folded pocket 10s preflop when we were five-handed and the guy put me all in. He showed queens."

It's a strength of his, but he knows that if he's going to take his game to the next level, he is going to have to change some of his tendencies.

"I'm actually going to start studying a little more because I'm a very tight player," said Bogard. "You can see that every time I come into the money, I'm short-stacked. I'm not much of a three and four-bettor like some of the other guys do, so I need to figure that out."

Bogard was short for most of the day, until he scored a huge double up through Juan Manuel Tejada with two pair and a flush draw against Tejada's flopped top pair. Bogard unnecessarily rivered a flush and moved into the chip lead. He never looked back. He ended up knocking Tejada out in third and went heads-up against Gary Luther with a massive chip lead.

Luther battled for a while, but Bogard's stack was too much to overcome and Luther was out in second.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Bart Bogard  
Nationality: American  
Birthplace: Wylie, TX  
Current Residence: Wylie, TX

Age: 38  
Profession: Entrepreneur  
WSOP Bracelets: 0  
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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