



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino & Resort	Date:	12 November 2018
(Durant, OK)		Entries:	217
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Bounty	Prizepool:	\$49,910
Buy-in:	\$400		

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### LLOYD HEMINGWAY WINS \$400 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM BOUNTY

*While his older brother was at the final table of the main event, Lloyd Hemingway closed out the .*

Monday was quite a day at the poker tables in Choctaw for the Hemingway family. Jared Hemingway finished second in the \$1,700 no-limit hold'em main event while his younger brother, Lloyd, was closing out his first Circuit victory in the final event of the series.

The younger Hemingway defeated 217 entries in the \$400 no-limit hold'em bounty event to earn his first ring and \$12,478, along with \$100 for every player he knocked out along the way. He won it no more than 20 feet away from his older brother competing in, and ultimately finishing second in the main event.

They were so close that Jared was yelling to Lloyd's table for live updates on chip stacks. Of the 13 rings awarded in Choctaw, two of them left with the Hemingway family with Jared taking down the \$400 no-limit hold'em six-max event.

"It was a badass experience," said Hemingway after his victory. "It's awesome. I feel like I win the ring and he won the ring in the same event, I don't know how he's going to do in this one, but I know he won one already. I think having two brothers win rings is definitely something to be noticed."

The Hemingway brothers both have some innate poker ability, but Lloyd's results aren't as extensive as Jared's. On the one break that the final table took, he came over to Jared's final table and got some advice from his older brother.

He took the advice, but he's never gotten any official coaching from Jared.

"I definitely absorb some of his knowledge, but I think my way of play is probably my way. I don't even know how he plays. I don't think my brother is that great of a player," said Lloyd with a laugh. "I can say that being that as much as we play, we've never played together at the same table."

In their earlier days, the duo went in two separate paths when it came to poker. Jared embraced it and took the gambling world on head first. Lloyd, on the other hand, had no interest in the game. His only real experience was bringing Jared to games to play in.

"I couldn't figure out why he played the game because I thought it was a dumb game," said Lloyd. "I just didn't get it. And then I started playing it as a couple years went on and now it's an awesome game. The adrenaline, the love of it. My background comes from him. He definitely got me into it."

The younger Hemingway is a lover of adrenaline. He drove and raced dirt track cars until he turned 29. After that, he got married, had a couple of kids and settled down. It was poker that filled the competitive void left by his retirement from the dirt track.

Just like racing dirt track cars, the final table played out at a frantic pace, playing down from nine to a winner in under four hours. For Hemingway, he didn't pick up any big hands. He didn't cooler anybody. For him, he just picked his spots and picked up pots when nobody made any hands.

"I thought we were going to sit here for a while, but actually people just started falling out quicker than I thought," said Hemingway. "I felt like today, you know, some landed, and all my bluffs worked. They won this tournament, for sure."

Hemingway defeated Jiancheng Han heads-up. Han took home \$7,712 for his runner-up finish and WSOP bracelet winner Ted Gillis, finished in sixth for \$2,378.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Lloyd Hemingway

Age: 38

Nationality: American

Profession: Auto Body Shop Manager

Birthplace: Greenville, TX

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Greenville, TX

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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