



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino & Resort (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	4 January 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack	Entries:	615
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$202,950

DENNIS BRAND CLAIMS 1ST GOLD RING

Following up a 2nd-place finish in, Dennis Brand returns to the Circuit to close one out.

The World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Choctaw Durant kicked off with a signature event, the Monster Stack. After two long days of tournament poker, it was Dennis Brand gracing the winner's circle. The 63-year-old conquered a field of 615 entrants in Event #1, winning \$42,620 and his first WSOP gold ring.

It was an accomplishment that Brand narrowly missed out on just three weeks prior, when he placed 2nd in the final event of the IP Biloxi Circuit. When asked if the runner-up finish motivated him to make another push for gold, Brand responded.

"It definitely did. I mean, I was way ahead and got it in good and the guy ends up sucking out on me to beat me," said Brand.

Following the holiday break, Brand wasted no time in getting to Choctaw for the first ring event. With fire in his belly, the Houston, Texas resident registered for the Monster Stack and found a bag on Day 1.

Brand entered Day 2 as eighth in chips, then went on to acquire the outright chip lead going into the unofficial final table. He rode his lead all the way to heads up action where he faced off against Charlie Johnson. The battle was short lived, leaving Brand in the position that alluded him last time around.

Since retiring a couple years ago, Brand has been using some of his newfound free time to indulge in a hobby of his, poker. He plans to continue to bounce around to different poker series when he can. Brand now has 92.5 Casino Championship points and could make a run at a bid to the 2019 Global Casino Championship.

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Name:	Dennis Brand	Age:	63
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Retired
Birthplace:	Jacksonville, Fla.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Houston, Tex.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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