



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino & Resort (Durant, Okla.)	Date:	4 January 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Big Blind Ante	Entries:	414
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$136,620

RON NEUMAN GRABS 1ST CIRCUIT GOLD RING

Big blind ante victory goes to Ron Neuman after epic heads-up battle.

Ron Neuman struck World Series of Poker gold by taking down the Big Blind Ante tournament at the Choctaw Durant Circuit series. The 34-year-old from Piedmont, Oklahoma defeated a total of 414 players in Event #2: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Big Blind Ante to win his first gold ring and \$30,052.

It was a long road to victory for Neuman, which included an epic heads-up battle against Ryan Hardin. The two competitors duked it out for around three hours. It was a mixture of the Big Blind Ante structure and their will to win that extended the duel.

"The blinds were both short stacked, so not much room for maneuvering," Neuman stated. "I think we were both just trying to lean on the other."

In the end, it was Neuman scooping the final pot. Hardin took second place, the same position he had to settle for before. Hardin now has three cashes with the WSOPC, two runner-up finishes and a fourth place.

Neuman has a couple other final table appearances of his own. The family man from Oklahoma, with two boys and a wife back home, has a 6th-place finish, a 5th-place finish, and now a shiny new WSOP gold ring to show for his time on the Circuit.

"It Feels good; I've been working on it a couple years now," said Neuman. "I come down here when I get a chance."

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Ron Neuman	Age:	34
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Machinist
Birthplace:	Piedmont, Okla.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Piedmont, Okla.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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