



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino & Resort (Durant, Okla)	Date:	7 January 2019
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Double Stack	Entries:	421
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$138,930

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### MARTIN RYAN CLAIMS 9<sup>TH</sup> GOLD RING

*The unstoppable Trinidadian starts off 2019 with yet another gold-ring victory.*

To kick off the year, Martin Ryan continued his tear on the 2018/19 World Series of Poker Circuit tour. The Trinidadian topped 421 players in Event #5: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Double Stack at the Choctaw Durant stop.

Claiming victory yet again, Ryan was awarded \$30,563 and an astounding 9<sup>th</sup> career gold ring. The 56-year-old has now won four Circuit titles this season, tying his own record set during the 2016/17 Circuit tour.

Ryan won his 8<sup>th</sup> gold ring at the end of November in the Harrah's Cherokee Monster Stack. Following the Circuit, Ryan returned home to Trinidad and Tobago to take care of some business, also poker related.

"I went to Trinidad, started a [home] game," Ryan said. "It's going good. Got the guys back together. We have like about 20 guys."

After an extended time in his home country, Ryan flew back to the States and directly made his way to the first Circuit of 2019, Choctaw Durant, where he has won before. It came as no surprise to see Ryan's name near the top of the counts once more.

Ryan built up a healthy stack during Day 1 of Event #5. Coming into Day 2 as third in chips, Ryan continued to thrive and broke through to the unofficial final table as the outright chip leader. From there, the 56-year-old put the pressure on and never looked back.

The field went from three, to two, to one in a flash. After the exit of Pat Atchison in 4th place, Andrew McCollough shortly followed, falling in 3rd. This left Ryan and Grant Elmer heads up. Just a few hands in Elmer flopped a straight. However, when all the chips got in on the turn, Ryan revealed a made full house and that was all she wrote.

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## **MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER**

Name:	Martin Ryan	Age:	56
Nationality:	TTO	Occupation:	Entrepreneur
Birthplace:	Trinidad and Tobago	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Trinidad and Tobago	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	8

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