WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Choctaw Casino & Resort (Durant, Okla.)		Date:	7 January 2019
			Entries:	195
Event:	Big O		Prizepool:	$64,350
Buy-in:	$400			

DAVE ALFA SCORES 1ST GOLD RING

Comeback win provides Dave Alfa with first gold ring and points lead at Choctaw Durant.

Dave Alfa picked up his first World Series of Poker gold ring Monday night after a huge comeback in Event #6: $400 Big O at the Choctaw Durant Circuit stop. All in all, the poker player from Austin, Texas defeated 195 entrants in the two-day competition.

Day 1 of Event #6 finished off with the money bubble bursting. The top 21 players secured a cash and bagged up their chips. Alfa rounded out the top six counts going into Day 2.

When the unofficial final table of eight was reached, Alfa was still alive, but in critical condition. He sat with seven big blinds. Amazingly, the 30-year-old, hung in, climbed the ranks, and eventually made it to heads-up action against the chip leader Wade Lightsey.

Both Lightsey and Alfa were on their second final table appearance of the series and the toe-to-toe matchup would determine who took the lead in the Casino Champ race.

Alfa and Lightsey faced off for multiple levels. It was a long battle that ultimately left Lightsey with $10,335 and 37.5 Casino Championship points as the runner-up. Alfa earned $16,732, the gold ring, and 50 points for his first-place conquest.

It was Alfa's third final table appearance of the 2018/19 Circuit tour that finally provided him with a push to the winner's circle. He now sits atop the Choctaw leaderboard with 80 points in the race for Casino Champion. The Ohio native plans to stick around for the rest of the series and defend his lead.

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Name:	Dave Alfa	Age:	30
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Elyria, Ohio	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Austin, Tex.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0	

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