



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, North Carolina
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$300 (+65)
Total Entries: 411
Prize Pool: \$123,300
April 14-15, 2013**

Matthew McMullin Wins Event 11 Harrah's Cherokee

Texan Collects First Gold Ring

Successful Debut WSOP Circuit Stop in North Carolina Comes to Thrilling Conclusion

Cherokee, NC (April 15, 2013) – Matthew McMullin had to travel more than 1,000 miles to win his first major poker tournament. The long journey was certainly worth the drive.

The supervisor, who works at a nuclear power plant, enjoyed a radioactive two days of cards at the Harrah's Cherokee WSOP Circuit. He melted-down the 411-player field. McMullin fused his victory into a payout worth \$27,126, plus a gold ring. It was a real blast.

McMullin is 35-years-old. He lives in Stephenville, TX. He is married with three children. Prior to working at the Glen Rose Nuclear Facility, McMullin served ten years in the U.S. Navy.

This not only marks McMullin's first WSOP Circuit final table appearance, it was also his first victory in a tournament of any kind. However, he hopes it will not be his last. McMullin hopes to play in Circuit events in the future.

The big win came on the final day of a hugely-successful WSOP Circuit stop in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina.

The tournament generated a prize pool totaling \$123,300. The top 45 finishers collected prize money. The final table finishers were as follows:

1st	Matthew McMullin	Soddy Daisy, TN	\$27,126
2nd	Matthew Lischke	Nocross, GA	\$16,763
3rd	Kristopher Carroll	Matthews, NC	\$12,249
4th	Ryan Eldridge	Knoxville, TN	\$9,095
5th	William Adley	Fort Worth, TX	\$8,858
6th	Tsukasa Sato	Wilmington, NC	\$5,249

7th	Nicolas Vaca-Rondon	Bogota, COLUMBIA	\$4,076
8th	Douglas Odom	Dawsonville, GA	\$3,211
9th	Robert Naundorff	Waxhaw, NC	\$2,565

Tournament Notes

- The two-day tournament began with 411 players. After 14 hours of play on Day One, 20 survivors remained.
- There were 20 players that started Day Two. It took about three hours to play down the final table of nine players.
- The final table included one gold ring winner, Event 1 Champ Nicolas Vaca-Rondon. He finished in 7th place. Will J. Adley, who finished fifth, previously cashed in two Main Events this season, at Cherokee and River Rock.
- The final table lasted about four hours and ended at 7 pm.

The top 45 finishers all received points which applies to the WSOP National Championship as well as this stop's Casino Championship.

The player who accumulates the most overall points in Harrah's Cherokee's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and shall receive automatic entry into the \$1 Million 2012-13 WSOP National Championship Presented by Southern Comfort 100 Proof. The qualifier joins the winner of the \$1,675 buy-in Main Event, who also won an automatic seat.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to both the Casino Championship race (good for Harrah's Cherokee gold ring events only) and the season-long race to claim one of the 60 at-large National Championship bids to be awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

This completes the 2012-13 WSOP Circuit at Harrah's Cherokee.

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