



**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season Nine  
Harrah's Cherokee  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Event #12  
Turbo No-Limit Hold'em  
Buy-In \$300 (+65)  
Total Entries: 187  
Prize Pool: \$56,100  
April 15, 2013**

### **Phillip Hui Wins Final Event Harrah's Cherokee**

### **Touring Poker Pro Collects Second Gold Ring**

### **Second-Place Finisher Juan Mendoza Locks Up Casino Championship**

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

**Cherokee, NC (April 15, 2013)** – Phillip Hui saved his best for last.

The poker from from San Antonio, Texas topped the final event played here at the Harrah's Cherokee series. He ended the debut smash of the first-ever WSOP Circuit visit to North Carolina by seizing a victory in the last of 12 tournaments.

The \$365 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament was played as a one-day competition. After huge numbers for the other events, the final offering drew a more modest field size totaling 187 players. Hui ended up with his second WSOP Circuit title and gold ring, more than two years after winning a similar event the first time he ever cashed in a WSOP-related event.

Hui pocketed \$15,586 in prize money to go along with gold ring number two. His first victory took place at Harvey's Lake Tahoe back in 2010. This marked Hui's 17<sup>th</sup> time to cash on the WSOP Circuit, a remarkable run over the past 30 months or so.

Juan Mendoza's second-place finish got nearly as much attention. With this position, he tallied three cashes here at Harrah's Cherokee, including two runner-up finishes. More importantly, he won the Casino Champion race for this Circuit stop. Mendoza earns a trip to New Orleans next month for the WSOP National Championship.

The tournament generated a prize pool totaling \$56,100. The top 21 finishers collected prize money. The final table finishers were as follows:

1st	Phillip Hui	San Antonio, TX	\$14,586
2nd	Juan Mendoza	Wilmington, NC	\$9,010
3rd	Eric Lewis	Waynesville, NC	\$6,506

4th	Francis Eckert	Atlanta, GA	\$4,778
5th	Pa Vang	Newton, NC	\$3,570
6th	Bryan Dillon	Prospect KY	\$2,712
7th	Ryan Clark	Hurricane, WV	\$2,095
8th	Jonathan Noble	Knoxville, TN	\$1,645
9th	Pete Pitsikoulis	Denver, NC	\$1,313

### **Tournament Notes**

- This was the first time a Turbo event has even been held in North Carolina.
- The one-day tournament began with 187 players.
- The final table included two gold ring winners – Phillip Hui and Jerry Monroe.
- The final table lasted about three hours and ended at 9:30 pm.

The top 21 finishers all received points which applies to the WSOP National Championship as well as this stop's Casino Championship.

All players who cash in gold ring events receive points that apply to 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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