

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, N.C.
Event #1
No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 2,712
Prize Pool: \$813,600
November 26-30, 2015**



Cody Pack Wins His Fourth Gold Ring

Cody Pack returns to where it all started for him and wins his fourth gold ring.

Cherokee, N.C. (November 30, 2015) -- Cody Pack has done it again. He has just gone on to win his fourth career WSOP Circuit gold ring in his most impressive performance to date. He defeated a massive 2,712 player field in the Cherokee series' opening event to earn the top prize of \$117,991. This opening event was a re-entry event that featured four starting flights and Pack took it down with just one bullet fired.

Pack has won all four of his gold rings in the past 12 months. Pack's magical run started last year right here in Cherokee when he won the series' turbo event for his first career gold ring. Since that victory Pack has been one of top players on the Circuit.

Pack won a second gold ring this September at the West Palm Beach stop. He followed that victory with another one in October by winning the six max event in Southern Indiana. He caps off a 12 month stretch of poker with another gold ring and his first ever WSOP six-figure score.

Pack earned \$117,991 for his win. It is by far the largest WSOP score of his career and more than doubles his WSOP career tournament earnings. Pack plays poker professionally. His fight and determination to win comes from his family. He has a girlfriend and three children that he supports with his tournament winnings and this \$100K plus score will go a long way in helping that cause.

"We just made 118 thousand. It is right before Christmas. I mean that is absolutely huge," said Pack about his winnings.

Pack's heads up opponent was 24-year-old Blake Whittington. Whittington was also coming off of a victory in recent months. Whittington won a \$100K Saturday Series event at the Borgata for \$49,000 in September. Whittington earned \$73,436 for his runner-up finish. This marked Whittington's 14th career WSOP cash and is his largest ever poker score.

Pack has easily secured himself an at-large bid to the 2016 Global Casino Championship with his three victories and eight cashes on the year. Even know he has his Global Casino Championship

seat locked up, he is all-in on winning the Casino Championship title here at Cherokee and plans to play all of the remaining events going forward.

Pack is the first player of the 2015/2016 Circuit season to win three gold rings. James Juvancic and Cory Waaland both have two on the year. To put his domination in perspective, he now has 212.5 Global Casino Championship points on the year. That is more than a victory worth of points ahead of his next closest opponent and more than twice the amount of Joey Brown, who currently sits in sixth place in the standings.

Event #1 was the first of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Cherokee. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry tournament attracted 2,712 players generating an \$813,600 prize pool. The top 279 players were paid.

The tournament featured four starting flights. Flight A began Thursday at 4 p.m. and drew 190 entries with 23 advancing to Day 2. Flight B began Friday at 11 a.m. and drew 595 players with 71 advancing. Flight C began Friday at 4 p.m. and drew 635 entries with 73 advancing and Flight D drew 1,292 with 168 advancing. All four starting flights played 15 levels. Day 2 began Sunday at 12 p.m. with 335 players and played through Level 31 before bagging with seven players remaining. The third and final day began Monday at 2 p.m. and ended about 6:30 p.m. near the end of Level 36.

Notes on the event:

- This is the second largest WSOP event ever at Harrah's Cherokee. The largest was the same version of this tournament in April, which drew 2,937 players.
- All four of Pack's gold rings have come in different formats of WSOP events. He has won a turbo NLHE, a six-max NLHE, a standard NLHE, and now a re-entry NLHE event.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Harrah's Cherokee twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large Global Casino Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's Cherokee:

EVENT #1: Cody Pack defeated 2,712 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$117,991

EVENT #2: Stuart Moody defeated 396 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$26,135

With two tournaments wrapped up, 10 more ring events remain at the Harrah's Cherokee series.

All rings at Harrah's Cherokee are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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