

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, N.C.
Event #3
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$500 (+\$80)
Total Entries: 358
Prize Pool: \$179,000
November 29-30, 2015**



Roongsak Griffeth Rocks the House With a Gold Ring Victory

DJ Roonie G takes down the third event of the series to earn his first gold ring.

Cherokee, N.C. (December 1, 2015) -- Making it all the way through a tournament is an impressive feat, especially a tournament that is as large as the ones here in Cherokee. It takes not only luck and skill, but also patience and focus. A perfectly played tournament can be ruined with just one short lapse of concentration.

For Roongsak Griffeth that one little mistake is what has been holding him back. On Tuesday he broke through that barrier and avoided that one little mistake costing him in other tournaments to win the gold ring in Event #3 - \$580 No-Limit Hold'em and secure him his largest career WSOP payday.

"It just takes one stupid mistake. I would play so good sometimes and just make one stupid mistake and that's all it takes," said Griffeth. "This time I told myself that I was not going to make that one stupid mistake. I just played my game, and didn't make that stupid mistake and I came through."

Griffeth entered the final table with the chip lead. He said that to keep focus he would just take an extra second to think about what he was doing. Taking a few extra seconds here and there paid off big dividends as he rode his chip lead to a gold ring victory.

Griffeth's heads up opponent was Kevin Sherrill. Sherrill already had a gold ring and was looking for number two. Sherrill's first gold ring came here in Cherokee in April of 2014. Griffeth ended up taking home \$25,452 for his runner up finish. The \$25k score pushed Sherrill's career WSOP tournament earnings over the \$100k mark.

This marked Griffeth's 12th career WSOP cash and was his first final table. He earned \$41,169 for the top finish, which more than doubled his WSOP career earnings.

Born in Thailand, Griffeth is a well-known DJ and has made DJ Times Magazine's "Top 50 DJ's in the U.S." list for three consecutive years. He has worked as a DJ in the Vegas scene as well as

doing corporate events. Griffeth has been the opening act for the likes of 3 Doors Down, Katy Perry, Snoop Dog and Pitbull. He has a new record coming out soon.

"When my music comes out they will be opening up for me," said Griffeth. "At that same time I am going to keep winning rings."

Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Cherokee. The \$580 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 358 players generating a \$179,000 prize pool. The top 36 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 4 p.m. and lasted 15 levels. Day 2 began Monday at 3 p.m. with 52 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 4 a.m. Tuesday near the end of Level 29.

Notes on the event:

- Day 2 lasted 14 hours long.

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

EVENT #3: Roongsak Griffeth defeated 358 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$41,169

With the first three tournaments wrapped up, nine 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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