

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Harvey's Lake Tahoe
Stateline, Nevada
Event #8
No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 322
Prize Pool: \$96,600
November 2, 2016**



Special Win After Back to Back Monster Stacks

Matt Betti scores redemption in the Monster Stack at Harvey's Lake Tahoe, with a special tribute on top.

Stateline, Nevada (November 3, 2016) – Matt Betti captured his first WSOP gold ring Thursday evening at Harvey's Lake Tahoe. The local card player grabbed gold by vanquishing a field of 322 in Event #8: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack. Every Circuit title is momentous in a way, but this victory had an extra significance for Betti.

“Even more special is this one's dedicated to my dad. He just passed away a few months ago and he was my biggest poker supporter,” Betti explained.

Although it is with a heavy heart, the triumph is a wonderful honor to his late father. The win, which took two days and two nights, marked Betti's third WSOP cash and by far his biggest to date. It was somewhat *déjà vu* for Betti, as he made the exact same final table nearly a year ago. The deep stack tournament at Harvey's Lake Tahoe is undoubtedly in his favor.

“I would have to say the Monster Stack, and the way you guys put on this tournament is as good as it gets,” exclaimed Betti. “I get excited about.”

After making back to back final tables in the event, enthusiasm is rightfully warranted for Betti. This time around he walked away with the top-prize of \$22,705, but it was no easy task. There was plenty of experience in the field. The final table itself involved a pair of gold ring owners, including local legend Cary Marshall who came in third place.

“You know, the final table, there was a couple tough customers. Obviously, there were some guys that were recognized,” said Betti.

The competition could not stop Betti on his path to the top though. All in all, Betti embodied a humble disposition, but this characteristic also came with a noticeable ambition to push forward with his poker career. Betti will look to continue his success in the Main Event, starting tomorrow, and even move on to play in future Circuit series around the U.S.

Event #8 was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harvey's Lake Tahoe series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack tournament attracted 322 players generating a \$96,600 prizepool. The top 33 players were paid.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Circuits twelve combined gold ring events earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the season.

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 the Harvey's Lake Tahoe series:

EVENT #1: Greg Armand defeated 145 players (\$365 NLHE 30 Minute Levels) for \$12,181
EVENT #2: Julian Galvan defeated 73 players (\$365 PLO Re-Entry) for \$7,446
EVENT #3: David Cossio defeated 541 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$34,084
EVENT #4: Chad DeLanzo defeated 155 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$12,555
EVENT #5: Mark Threadgill defeated 97 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$8,729
EVENT #6: Robert Zarzycki defeated 187 players (\$365 NLHE Six Max) for \$15,428
EVENT #7: Dale Menghe defeated 158 players (\$365 NLHE) for \$12,798
EVENT #8: Matt Betti defeated 322 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$22,705

This was the eighth gold ring handed out at the Harvey's Lake Tahoe series. Four more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Harvey's Lake Tahoe series are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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