

**2016/2017 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, North Carolina
Event #7
No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 984
Prize Pool: \$295,200
November 30, 2016**



Monster Redemption and First Gold Ring for Jason Maeroff

Jason Maeroff grabs redemption in the Harrah's Cherokee Monster Stack and earns his first Circuit gold ring in the process

Cherokee, North Carolina (December 1, 2016) – Jason Maeroff returned to the World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Harrah's Cherokee and captured his first career gold ring this time around. The father of two managed to meander through a field of 984 players in Event #7: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack to win the top prize of \$56,106 and record his sixth WSOP cash. With his victory, also came sweet redemption after a Monster Stack heartbreaker that left Maeroff as the runner-up nearly two years ago.

"I actually got second place in this event like three or four series ago here," said Maeroff. "I lost to a four-outer for the whole title, so I've been wanting redemption in this event."

Redemption was certainly secured by the 40-year-old, who has been playing poker for around 20 years, as he rolled through Day 2 of the tournament. Maeroff came into the final table as the chip leader and never looked back. With a hefty chip advantage, Maeroff utilized his big-stack dynamic accordingly.

"As I started showing some good hands I was able to bluff a little bit, take down the blinds with marginal hands, and just kind of played my momentum," Maeroff explained.

Many popular poker players made up the top nine contenders, which led to the final table being surrounded by spectators for most of its duration. None of the rail support was directed toward Maeroff though. This provoked a question about if the overwhelming number of opposing onlookers affected Maeroff's game at all.

"You know, it kind of motivated me more," exclaimed Maeroff. "I just stayed focused, tried to block it all out, and play my game."

Regardless of any rail interference, the experienced card player zoned in and ran away with the gold. He plans to head back to his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia in order to see his kids, 13-year-old Ethan and 8-year-old Ayla. However, after a short stint at home, Maeroff says he might come back to play in the Main Event, and if so he could be a player to look out for.

Event #7 was the seventh of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the Harrah's Cherokee series. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack tournament attracted 984 players generating a \$295,200 prizepool. The top 99 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 Harrah's Cherokee series:

EVENT #1: Jarrett Mullins defeated 2,211 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$101,190
EVENT #2: Sergiu Nagit defeated 449 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$29,633
EVENT #3: Robert Reed defeated 382 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$42,019
EVENT #4: Josh Reichard defeated 518 players (\$365 NLHE Six Max) for \$34,188
EVENT #5: Phong Nguyen defeated 277 players (\$365 PLO Re-Entry) for \$19,945
EVENT #6: Michael Sanders defeated 515 players (\$365 NLHE 30 Minute Levels) for \$33,224
EVENT #7: Jason Maeroff defeated 984 players (\$365 NLHE Monster Stack) for \$56,106

This was the seventh gold ring handed out at the Harrah's Cherokee series. Five more gold rings and Circuit titles are still to come.

All rings at the Harrah's Cherokee series are furnished by [Jostens](#), the official ring supplier of the 2016-2017 WSOP Circuit season.

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