

**2016-17 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa
Tulsa, Okla.
Event #6
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 248
Prize Pool: \$74,400
March 21-22, 2017**



Mike Klatt Wins His First WSOP Circuit Ring at Hard Rock Tulsa

Klatt earns over \$18,000 for the victory.

Tulsa, Okla. (22 March 2017) — The World Series of Poker Circuit at the Hard Rock Tulsa has now crowned its sixth winner. The latest player to win a Circuit ring is Mike Klatt, 39, of Souix Falls, S.D. Klatt won Event #6: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em, earning \$18,229 and the first ring of his career.

“I’m pretty excited,” Klatt said after securing his victory. “You have a vision of doing something like this, but you don’t really expect it to happen. Then it happens, and it’s kind of a surreal moment.”

When the final day began, Klatt said he wasn’t really focused on winning the ring yet. “We were eight-handed, and I was fourth in chips,” he recalled. “I knew I wanted a couple pay bumps, so I played conservatively. Once we got down to it, I knew there were some tough players in the tournament. So I knew I was going to have to be aggressive, so I changed speeds and it worked out.”

One of those tough players was Jason Mirza, who finished runner-up (\$11,263). Klatt and Mirza had a bit of history before this event, which Klatt said helped him come out on top. “We had been playing in a tournament earlier this week. I noticed he was three-betting me a lot, and he was trying to single me out. So I identified his style and adjusted my style accordingly to exploit that aggressiveness that he was showing towards me.”

Playing poker actually isn’t Klatt’s main reason for being at the Hard Rock. He’s here working for Rungood Gear, selling clothing and assisting with promotional activities. His poker playing is just on the side, and winning the ring isn’t going to change his plans. “Tomorrow I’ll be selling t-shirts in the hallway.”

Event #6 was the sixth event to play to completion at the WSOP Circuit at the Hard Rock Tulsa. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em event drew a field of 248 players, generating a prizepool worth \$74,400. The final 27 players finished in the money. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The tournament began at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21. Eight players advanced to Day 2, which began at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22. The final hand was dealt at about 6:15 p.m.

After this event, Joshua Evans retains the lead in the Casino Champion race. The player who accumulates the most overall points during the 12 ring events at the Hard Rock Tulsa earns the title of Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of the limited at-large bids. Evans has 87.5 points from two cashes (a victory and a runner-up finish). More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here are the winners so far at the Hard Rock:

- EVENT #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack – Jerry Rushing bested a field of 544 players for \$34,280.
 - EVENT #2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight – Will Joyner bested a field of 1,484 players for \$90,112.
 - EVENT #3: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) – Joshua Turner bested a field of 283 players for \$20,374.
 - EVENT #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Freezeout – William “Jeter” Brock bested a field of 187 players for \$14,586.
 - EVENT #5: \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better – Matt Lansdon bested a field of 145 players for \$12,181.
 - EVENT #6: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em – Mike Klatt bested a field of 248 players for \$18,229.
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All rings at the Hard Rock Tulsa are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2016-17 WSOP Circuit season.

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