

2016-17 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 13

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa

Tulsa, Okla.

Event #

No-Limit Hold'em Main Event

Buy-In: \$1,675

Total Entries: 574

Prize Pool: \$861,000

March 24-27, 2017



Will Berry Wins WSOP Circuit Main Event at Hard Rock Tulsa

This was Berry's third consecutive Circuit Main Event final table in Oklahoma.

Tulsa, Okla. (27 March 2017) — After falling just short several times, Will Berry is now a World Series of Poker Circuit ring winner. Berry won the Main Event at the Hard Rock Tulsa, earning \$180,806.

Berry, a 25-year old professional poker player from Norman, Okla., has a long history of success in Circuit events in his home state. This is the third consecutive Circuit Main Event in Oklahoma where he's made the final table. In the previous two, he finished fourth and ninth, and he now has a victory under his belt.

"I'm a little relieved," Berry said after the event. "I've played a lot of these tournaments and never managed to finish better than fourth place. So to finally win one feels great."

It was a difficult road to victory for Berry, and perhaps no obstacle was greater than runner-up finisher Dan Lowery, who has four Circuit rings of his own. After securing the victory, Berry had high praise for Lowery. "[Lowery] was the toughest player at the table, and for a lot of the tournament we played together quite a bit. And I was just as careful as I could be to stay out of his way, and let the other players bust to him. I got a lucky table draw having Dan on my right."

The plan worked, and Berry and Lowery were soon heads up. At that point, Berry said he got a lucky run of cards, and he was able to end the tournament within about an hour. "I just always had it," he said. "It almost wasn't fair."

This is the first ever WSOP Circuit series held at the Hard Rock Tulsa, and Berry now becomes the venue's inaugural Main Event champion. In addition to the prize money and the Circuit ring, Berry also wins a free entry into the 2017 WSOP Global Casino Championship, to be held at Harrah's Cherokee in August.

The tournament started with 574 entries, and the top 63 made the money. Other players finishing in the money include Justin Gardenhire (58th place), Ray Henson (55th), Matt Affleck (53rd), Cody Pack (51st), Maurice Hawkins (39th), Ari Engel (33rd), Joshua Turner (26th), and Salvatore DiCarlo (16th).

Event #9 was the 11th event to play to completion at the WSOP Circuit at the Hard Rock Tulsa. The \$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event event drew a field of 574 players, generating a prizepool worth \$861,000. The final 63 players finished in the money. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The tournament began at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 24. There were 111 players who advanced to Day 2, which began at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26. Nine players made it to Day 3, which started at noon on Monday, March 27. The final hand was dealt at about 5:20 p.m.

After this event, Joshua Evans retains his 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 now has 115 points from three final-table performances, including one ring victory. 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.
 - EVENT #7: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed – Kevin Rund bested a field of 314 players for \$23,550.
 - EVENT #8: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em – Salvatore DiCarlo bested a field of 236 players for \$29,502.
 - EVENT #9: \$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event – Will Berry bested a field of 574 players for \$180,806.
 - EVENT #10: \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha – Mike Cordell bested a field of 188 players for \$14,661.
 - EVENT #11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) – Christopher Staats bested a field of 216 for \$16,201.
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