

**2016-17 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 13
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa
Tulsa, Okla.
Event #11
No-Limit Hold'em (one-Day)
Buy-In: \$365
Total Entries: 216
Prize Pool: \$64,800
March 26, 2017**



Christopher Staats Wins One-Day Event at Hard Rock Tulsa

Staats wins his third career WSOP Circuit ring and over \$16,000.

Tulsa, Okla. (28 March 2017) ð The latest World Series of Poker Circuit ring winner is Christopher Staats. Staats won Event \$11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) at the Hard Rock Tulsa, earning \$16,201. This is the third career ring for Staats.

Staats said after the event that his goal here at the Hard Rock was to earn enough points to guarantee himself a seat in the Global Casino Championship. To earn an at-large seat to the championship, Staats would need to be in the top 50 on the Circuit leaderboard at the end of the season. Before the Tulsa series began, he had 105 points, and was up to 120 before this tournament started. He gets another 50 points for his victory, and his total of 170 will likely guarantee him a free seat in the Global Casino Championship, to be held at Harrah's Cherokee in August.

That goal affected his strategy. "I got in this tournament four times," he said. "But I got into it pretty fast because there was also the \$2,200 high roller that started at 5:00. So I wanted to either accumulate a lot of chips early, or bust and play the high roller. On bullet four I got up to 80K early, so I was in a good spot after that."

Staats rode that momentum to the final table, which progressed quickly due to the tournament's one-day structure. "I stayed patient," Staats said, "and I ran extremely well." And within a few hours, he was the newest member of the three-ring club.

Event #11 was the tenth event to play to completion at the WSOP Circuit at the Hard Rock Tulsa. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) event drew a field of 188 players, generating a prizepool worth \$64,800. The final 24 players finished in the money. Full results are available on WSOP.com.

The tournament began at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26. The final table started at about 9:15 p.m., and the final hand was dealt at about 1:00 a.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 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 at the Hard Rock:

- EVENT #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack ó Jerry Rushing bested a field of 544 players for \$34,280.
- EVENT #2: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Multi-Flight ó Will Joyner bested a field of 1,484 players for \$90,112.
- EVENT #3: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) ó Joshua Turner bested a field of 283 players for \$20,374.
- EVENT #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Freezeout ó William "Llygty" Brock bested a field of 187 players for \$14,586.
- EVENT #5: \$365 Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better ó Matt Lansdon bested a field of 145 players for \$12,181.
- EVENT #6: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em ó Mike Klatt bested a field of 248 players for \$18,229.
- EVENT #7: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six-Handed ó Kevin Rund bested a field of 314 players for \$23,550.
- EVENT #8: \$580 No-Limit Hold'em ó Salvatore DiCarlo bested a field of 236 players for \$29,502.
- EVENT #9: \$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event ó Will Berry bested a field of 574 players for \$180,806.
- EVENT #10: \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha ó Mike Cordell bested a field of 188 players for \$14,661.
- EVENT #11: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em (One-Day) ó Christopher Staats bested a field of 216 for \$16,201.
- EVENT #12: \$2,200 No-Limit Hold'em High Roller ó Michael Hahn bested a field of 102 players for \$61,198.
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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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