



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop: Harrah's Cherokee
Event: Pot-Limit Omaha
Buy-in: \$365

Date: 29 November 2017
Entries: 279
Prizepool: \$83,700

YOON KIM WINS PLO RING IN CHEROKEE

Georgia family man finds poker validation with a career-best result

Yoon Kim says he's not very good at hold'em, but he didn't need to be on Tuesday. Kim won the \$365 Pot-Limit Omaha event at Harrah's Cherokee, outlasting a field of 279 entries en route to the win. His performance earned him \$20,089 and his first gold ring.

Kim, 49, is a small business owner from Dacula, Georgia. He was born in South Korea, where he first started playing cards as an adolescent. "I never knew about hold'em and PLO," he said. "We played seven-card stud back then." He learned the more mainstream games after arriving in the US.

As tends to happen in PLO, the tournament was a swingy one for Kim. He started Day 2 with 22 big blinds, and he had worked his way into third place by the time he reached the final table.

Things started to unravel a bit, though, and Kim's stack took a few big hits as the table shrank. According to Kim, though, it turned around with a quickness. "All of the sudden, it just came back," he said. "It all just kept coming. So fast!"

Kim was heads-up with Tyler Joyner in no time, but the two battled hard for the ring. The chips moved Kim's way over time, though, and the last hand saw him flop top set of tens to end Joyner's run.

Because of work and family obligations, poker is just a part-time pleasure for Kim. He's married with two children, ages 5 and 14. "Poker is just one of my favorite hobbies," he said. "Golf and poker, that's it."

This win seemed to provide Kim with some validation that his time on the felt has been well spent. "I'm just glad that I have this ring to show my wife," he beamed. "I wanted to prove to her that I could do this."

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Name:	Yoon Kim	Age:	49
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Business owner
Birthplace:	Seoul, South Korea	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Dacula, GA	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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