



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee	Date:	1 December 2017
Event:	High Roller	Entries:	106
Buy-in:	\$2,200	Prizepool:	\$212,000

JEFF TRUDEAU WINS HIGH ROLLER

Orlando pro tops one-day event for third ring, \$64k in cash

The High Roller event drew the toughest field of the week at Harrah's Cherokee. The \$2,200 buy-in was the richest of the series, and the room was filled with bracelet winners, ring winners, and other tournament poker standouts.

Jeff Trudeau was better than all the rest, though outlasting the field of 106 entries to take the title and the top prize of \$63,599. The victory is the third of his WSOP Circuit career.

Trudeau, 23, is a professional poker player from Orlando, Florida. He started posting tournament cashes at the local dog track shortly after his 18th birthday, and his accomplishments are starting to pile up now that he has access to the 21-and-over casinos.

Harrah's Cherokee is one of those venues in which he's come of age to play, and this is about as far north as he ventures. His previous Circuit wins were earned in New Orleans and Choctaw, with the latter coming less than a month ago.

Trudeau's stack increased steadily throughout the early stages of this event, and he was contending for the chip lead by the time the field reached the final two tables. He eliminated Jim Burns on the bubble in 13th place, then Salmaan Toor in 10th to shrink the field to one table of nine.

At that point, Trudeau was fourth in chips, and he played mostly small pots from there until the heads-up match against Chun Law. With the expedited structure, the final duel was short and volatile, with each of the two men holding large leads at one point or another, though.

Trudeau was too much in the end, though, defeating Law to collect the ring just before 3 a.m. on Friday morning. The win moves him over \$700,000 in career tournament earnings.

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Name:	Jeff Trudeau	Age:	23
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker player
Birthplace:	Orlando, Fla.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Orlando, Fla. .	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	2

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