



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, N.C.)	Date:	25 November 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Turbo	Entries:	513
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$169,290

KELDON SMITH GRABS 1ST GOLD RING

North Carolina native wins first gold ring of the series.

After a long day of poker on Saturday, Keldon Smith grabbed the first World Series of Poker gold ring handed out at the Harrah's Cherokee Circuit series. The 45-year-old outlasted a field of 513 entrants in Event #2: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo to seize the Circuit title.

"Feels good. Been trying a few years and it finally paid off," said Smith after his triumph. "I've been playing about every tournament up here for the past five years."

Although Smith has been trying his hand at Harrah's Cherokee Circuit events for a while now, his recent victory marks his first cash with the WSOP. The North Carolina native made it a good one, claiming a debut gold ring and \$36,403 to go along with it.

When asked if he had any plans for the money, Smith responded "Hide it from the wife," with a smile and a laugh behind.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Keldon Smith	Age:	45
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Contractor
Birthplace:	Winston Salem, N.C.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	King, N.C.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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