



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, N.C.)	Date:	30 November 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack	Entries:	1,166
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$384,780

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### MARTIN RYAN GRABS 8<sup>TH</sup> GOLD RING IN CHEROKEE

*The phenom, Martin Ryan, defeats 1,166 entrants in Monster Stack to win gold ring number eight and \$70,226.*

The phenom, Martin Ryan, did it again on the World Series of Poker stage. Ryan conquered a whopping 1,166 entrants in Event #8: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Monster Stack to win his eighth Circuit gold ring. The tournament, featuring an enlarged starting stack, took two days to complete at Harrah's Cherokee.

Astoundingly, it is Ryan's 3rd title thus far in the 2018/19 season, all coming in less than three months. The Trinidad and Tobago native snagged his first of the season in a \$1,125 buy-in event at the Coconut Creek stop, then went on to win another, his seventh gold ring overall, just nine days ago at the Choctaw Durant series.

After his triumph in Choctaw, Ryan mentioned he was going to see a doctor in Miami and if all went well, he may make it to the North Carolina Circuit. Turns out, things went well and upon entering the Cherokee Circuit scene, things got even better.

Ryan finished Day 1 of the Monster Stack fourth in chips. He continued to press forward on Day 2. Right before the single-table bubble, Ryan scooped a huge pot with quad jacks. From there, he never looked back.

The 57-year-old moved to the unofficial final table with an outright chip lead and eventually made it to heads-up action where he made quick work of Forrest Raleigh, who had to settle for second place and \$43,372.

Among all his accolades, the win is Ryan's biggest score to date as well as the largest field he has ever topped. The Monster Stack victory earned Ryan \$70,226. Along with the eight gold rings, Ryan also boasts over \$400,000 in WSOP earnings now.

Ryan's stats may remain the same for a bit after this, as he plans to take a leave of absence from the Circuit for an extended period.

"I'm promising everybody I have to stop because back home in Trinidad they need me," stated Ryan. "I run a game."

Following the Harrah's Cherokee Circuit, Ryan is without a doubt returning to Trinidad to help facilitate a longstanding poker game in his home country.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Martin Ryan	Age:	56
Nationality:	TTO	Occupation:	Entrepreneur
Birthplace:	Trinidad and Tobago	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Trinidad and Tobago	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	7

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