



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, N.C.)	Date:	3 December 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Double Stack	Entries:	512
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$168,960

MICHAEL CHAMNESS CLAIMS 1ST CIRCUIT GOLD RING

Alabama native takes down last gold ring of the Harrah's Cherokee series.

Michael Chamness claimed his first World Series of Poker gold ring on Monday evening at the Harrah's Cherokee Circuit series. The Alabama native defeated a field of 512 entrants in Event #13: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Double Stack to win a debut Circuit title and \$36,320. The tournament took two days to reach a conclusion.

"I play, but I'm not a tournament guy, or nothing like that. This is all very new to me," said Chamness after his victory.

The recreational poker player usually sticks to cash-game poker and home games but decided to throw his hat into the ring in Cherokee. The decision proved fruitful, to say the least, providing Chamness with golden hardware and a five-figure payday.

A pivotal hand for Chamness was a three-way all in at the final table. "I put two people out," he mentioned. Chamness woke up with Big Slick and got two players shoving on him. He called the jams and his ace-king held against an ace-ten and a king-queen.

From there, Chamness skated into heads-up action with a chip advantage against Jared Palmer. On a final hand, Chamness' hit a flush on the river to scoop every chip in play, leaving Palmer one spot short of winning his second gold ring.

"I'm going back to Guntersville, and just gonna be happy I got," Chamness stated "No change in my life."

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Michael Chamness	Age:	32
Nationality:	USA	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Birthplace:	Arab, Ala.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0
Current Residence:	Guntersville, Ala.		

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