

**2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Cherokee
Cherokee, N.C.
Event #4
No-Limit Hold'em Six Max
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 427
Prize Pool: \$128,100
November 30 – December 1, 2015**



Mike Kaczmarek Wins Cherokee's Six Max Event

Decked out in all Clemson Tigers gear, Mike Kaczmarek wins his first gold ring

Cherokee, N.C. (December 1, 2015) -- Mike Kaczmarek has just won one of the toughest tournaments on the Circuit. The six max event at every stop brings the top players to the top and this time it was no different. Kaczmarek defeated a 427 player field and a tough final table to earn his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring and the top prize of \$29,462.

"I still don't believe it's real," said Kaczmarek on winning the tournament. "I never imagined I would, so it feels great."

Kaczmarek defeated a final table that included two professional poker players plus a gold ring winner in Sean Stevens. Stevens was eliminated in third place and then Kaczmarek defeated Derrick Cutler in a head-up battle. Cutler earned \$18,321 for his runner-up finish. It was his sixth career WSOP cash and first final table.

Kaczmarek is a physician at the St. Francis hospital in Greenville, South Carolina. He works in the emergency department. He now has seven WSOP cashes on his resume and more than \$40,000 in WSOP tournament earnings. Whether or not he decides to return for the series' Main Event is still up in the air, but a great series it has already been for him nonetheless as leaves as the World Series of Poker's most recent champion.

Event #4 was the fourth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Harrah's Cherokee. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Six Max tournament attracted 427 players generating a \$128,100 prize pool. The top 48 players were paid.

Day 1 began Monday at 11 a.m. and lasted 21 levels. Day 2 began Tuesday at 2 p.m. with 10 players remaining. The tournament concluded at about 7 p.m. Tuesday near the end of Level 27.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during the Harrah's Cherokee twelve combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP Global Casino Championship set to take place at the end of the year.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Championship race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large Global Casino Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Harrah's Cherokee:

EVENT #1: Cody Pack defeated 2,712 players (\$365 NLHE Re-Entry) for \$117,991

EVENT #2: Stuart Moody defeated 396 players (\$365 NLHE Turbo) for \$26,135

EVENT #3: Roongsak Griffeth defeated 358 players (\$580 NLHE) for \$41,169

EVENT #4: Mike Kaczmarek defeated 427 players (\$365 NLHE 6-max) for \$29,462

With the first four tournaments wrapped up, eight more ring events remain at the Harrah's Cherokee series.

All rings at Harrah's Cherokee are furnished by Jostens, the official ring supplier of the 2015-2016 WSOP Circuit season.

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