



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, NC)	Date:	6 August 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry	Entries:	2,842
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$852,600

Todd Mercer Wins First Ring in Cherokee Re-Entry

North Carolina native parlays massive Day 2 chip lead into first Circuit ring and six-figure score.

Todd Mercer broke through for his first Circuit title on Sunday night with a win in the opening event of the World Series of Poker Circuit stop at Harrah's Cherokee. Mercer bested a field of 2,842 entries in the multi-flight \$365 no-limit hold'em re-entry event to earn the title and \$121,495.

Mercer currently resides in Elon, NC where he works in sales for Clayton and Oakwood Homes. He was born and raised in North Carolina and with his full-time job, he plays almost exclusively in the state and at every stop that Harrah's Cherokee has. His win on Sunday was what he had been waiting his entire poker career for.

"It's just kind of a surreal moment," said Mercer. "It's something I've always wanted. I've worked pretty hard for it and it finally came through."

Mercer came into the tournament's final day with a massive chip lead. He finished Day 1C with a monster stack after being on the right side of an aces vs. kings cooler. He rode his massive stack to a win, but the added chips come with added expectations.

"It's a little bit of pressure because the expectations were so high," said Mercer. "It was a roller coaster today. I got down below my starting stack and then I built it back up. But once I got to the final table, everybody was pretty even."

Mercer was dominant at the final table and made quick work of his opponents. After redrawing for seats at the final table, it only took Mercer just over two hours to get every chip on the table and take his first Circuit ring back to Elon.

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Name: Todd Mercer

Age: 44

Nationality: USA

Profession: Sales

Birthplace: Wilson, NC

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Elon, NC

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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