



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, NC)	Date:	7 August 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	307
Buy-in:	\$580	Prizepool:	\$153,500

JORDAN MELTZER DEDICATES FIRST RING TO LATE FRIEND

Meltzer dedicates his win in the \$580 no-limit hold'em to two-time ring winner Jonathan Abla, who passed away just over a year ago.

After defeating a field of 307 players, Jordan Meltzer won his first ring and \$36,072 in the \$580 no-limit hold'em on Monday night. But the poker pro from Florida wasn't concerned about people knowing about him.

"I just want everybody to know that I'm dedicating this to Jonathan Abla," said Meltzer after his win.

Abla passed away just over a year ago and had two rings of his own. The two poker pros were very close friends and as a tribute, Meltzer held up Abla's favorite hand – pocket jacks – in the winner photo instead of the pocket tens that won him the tournament.

Meltzer dominated the final table. He came into it as the chip leader and never seemed to be in too much danger. He took a massive chip lead into heads-up play against Vincent Moscati and it didn't take long for Meltzer to finish the job and leave Moscati just shy of his seventh career ring.

"I chopped the last two tournaments I got heads-up in and got an official first place," said Meltzer. "But they were chops. This is the first outright live win. So, it feels good."

This was one of the bigger rails for the stop and there were several players on the rail that were torn in their rooting interest.

“It was cool. We have a lot of mutual friends,” said Meltzer about the group of people watching the heads-up match. “Me and Vinny don’t know each other that well, but all of our really close friends are the same people. So, it was fun having a mutual rail.”

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Name: Jordan Meltzer

Age: 29

Nationality: USA

Profession: Professional Poker Player

Birthplace: Delray Beach, FL

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Delray Beach, FL

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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