



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, NC)	Date:	8 August 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em	Entries:	417
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$125,100

MATTHEW KERR DEFEATS HOMETOWN POKER BUDDY IN \$365 RING WIN

Cash game grinder from Knoxville wins \$27,256 against fellow Knoxville poker player.

The \$365 no-limit hold'em single day event with 30-minute levels came down to a battle of poker pros from Knoxville, TN. In a heads-up battle between Matthew Kerr and Thuan Ngo, Kerr emerged victorious, earning his first ring in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Kerr bested a field of 417 entrants to win \$27,256, but Kerr is by no means a tournament player. He makes his living playing private cash games in the Knoxville area. The heads-up match between Kerr and Ngo was a premonition of sorts.

"It was awesome," said Kerr about the win and playing heads-up against a friend for a ring. "We were joking early on that we were going to play heads-up and it actually happened."

The only reason he played the tournament is because the cash games were slow and his friend was going to play.

"I wasn't even planning on playing today," said Kerr after his win. "My roommate woke me up cause he wanted to play, so I walked down with him and happened to enter. The cash games looked slow, so I just decided to win."

With a win, Kerr earned 50 points and moves into contention for the Casino Championship. With a win under his belt and a chance to earn an automatic entry into next year's Global Casino Championship, Kerr will be making more regular appearances in the tournament area, at least in the immediate future.

“If I have a ring, I’m definitely hooked now,” he said with a smile.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Matthew Kerr

Nationality: USA

Birthplace: Knoxville, TN

Current Residence: Knoxville, TN

Age: 26

Profession: Poker Player

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 0

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