



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, NC)	Date:	11 August 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Single Day	Entries:	514
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$154,200

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### **GREGORY ARMAND WINS SECOND RING IN \$365 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM**

*Santa Barbara entrepreneur dedicates second ring to his father.*

Gregory Armand used the lessons he learned from his father to come out on top of the \$365 no-limit hold'em single day event and earn his second career Circuit ring. He defeated a field of 514 entries to win \$33,156 and the title.

"It feels amazing," said Armand about his accomplishment. "I had less than one big blind. I've never done this before and I channeled my inner Ben Keeline to win. I heard he had one big blind when he won Colossus and I had less than one big blind. So, I outdid him by about 2,000 chips."

It was because of the adversity that he faced with such a miniscule stack at the final table that led him to dedicate the win to his father.

"He always taught me to fight and never give up and just always be persistent," said Armand about his father's life lessons. "And just always go after what you want. So even if I knew that mathematically I was basically done, I just said that I would keep fighting and hope things turn around. That's all you can do in poker. Just play your best and hope for the best."

Armand won his first ring last season in Lake Tahoe. He dedicated that ring to his mother, who passed away from Cancer a few years ago. With two rings under his belt, he was able to dedicate a ring to each of his parents.

The 40-year-old entrepreneur found success last season on the Circuit, mostly at stops on the west coast. His success at those stops led him to finish the season in the top 50 and secure a seat in this year's Global Casino Championship. It was his free seat into a bracelet event that led him to make the cross-country journey.

He's found just as much success on the east coast, having cashed in two events this series, earning his second ring in the process.

"Poker is a huge hobby," said Armand. "I love playing. I love the competition. It's the greatest hobby on earth."

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name: Gregory Armand

Age: 40

Nationality: USA

Profession: Entrepreneur

Birthplace: St-Germain-En-Laye, France

WSOP Bracelets: 0

Current Residence: Santa Barbara, CA

Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 1

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