



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 MAIN EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee	Date:	10 August 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Main Event	Entries:	1,056
Buy-in:	\$1,700	Prizepool:	\$1,599,840

ADAM ROSS WINS CHEROKEE MAIN EVENT

Sales Manager wins life-changing money to pay off his mortgage

"Yes! Yes! Life-changing money! Finally!"

This is what the newly-crowned champion of the Harrah's Cherokee Main Event was shouting at the top of his lungs once the last card hit the felt. In the final hand of the tournament, Adam Ross raised it up on the button and faced a shove worth about seven big blinds from Ryan 'The Janitor' Phan. He called and turned a set to lock up the pot. He turned to his wife, who has been on the rail supporting him for the entire day, picked her up and celebrated. "This is life-changing money. I've had about 20 cashes but never a win. Never life-changing money. I can pay off my mortgage now" said Ross.

This stop marked the first of 28 series booked throughout the 2018/2019 World Series of Poker Circuit season and began with the 2018 Global Casino Championship. Ross wasn't fully aware that along with his winnings, he will receive a free seat into next year's event. He says he is excited to compete with poker's elite and will aim to win himself a bracelet to go with his shiny new ring.

The Main Event consisted of two flights with each player having the option to re-enter once per flight. By the end of the registration period there were 1,056 entries making up a prize pool worth \$1,599,840 paying out 108 spots. Ross was the last player standing and pocketed \$295,970, which is four times his overall earnings and more than nine times his biggest live score. This is also his second live recorded win.

Ross began Day 2 with 170,250 in chips and propelled this into a massive 1.8 million-chip stack, good for sixth place of the 21 players who moved on to Day 3. Throughout the final

day, he battled the likes of WSOP bracelet winner Jesse Rockowitz (17th - \$15,790), six-time Circuit winner Daniel Lowery (14th - \$19,166), along with ring winners Bradley (Todd) Mercer (4th - \$102,230), Andrew Kelsall (5th - \$77,736), Charles Johnson (7th - \$36,636), and Eyal Bensimhon (20th - \$13,151).

Runner-up Phan is no stranger to the spotlight, and has a ring himself. He is also fresh off of an 11th place finish in the 2018 World Series of Poker \$10,000 Main Event for his biggest career score of \$725,000. At one point, Phan held more than a four-to-one chip lead but things started to go in Ross' favor. Phan flopped two pair but Ross flopped a straight and doubled from there. The momentum shifted and the rest is history. Phan pocketed \$182,990 for his deep run and is certainly nothing to sneeze at.

Ross says he plans on paying off his mortgage after this win. "I've been playing poker for a long time, I've had a \$30,000 cash but never the life-changer. This is the pay-off-my-mortgage life-changer. I'm gonna continue to play a little poker, and continue to be a Sales manager at my job. I think I'll play in Vegas - the Main Event next year" said a teary-eyed, emotional Ross.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Adam Ross	Age:	-
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Sales Manager
Birthplace:	USA	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Roswell, GA	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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