



WSOP CIRCUIT 2022-23 MAIN EVENT REPORT

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| Circuit Stop: | Harrah's Cherokee | Date: | 15 August 2022 |
| Event: | No-Limit Hold'em Main Event | Entries: | 1,558 |
| Buy-in: | \$1,700 | Prize pool: | \$2,360,370 |

BRETT BADER WINS MAIN EVENT AT HARRAH'S CHEROKEE

Brett Bader Defeats Matt Wantman in Heads-Up Play for Main Event Title

It was a record-breaking return to Harrah's Cherokee for the World Series of Poker's 2022/2023 Circuit season, its first of four stops, as a record-setting field of 1,558 entries were recorded through two starting flights and a \$2,360,370 prize pool was generated.

After a prize pool was calculated, 238 players were able to take a piece of it, but it was Brett Bader who walked away with the lion's share, as he claimed the Harrah's \$1,700 Main Event title that came with a \$364,104 top prize, and a seat into the 2023 Tournament of Champions.

"It hasn't really sunk in, to be honest," Bader stated after his victory. "I haven't been here in a few years, and the last time I was I finished runner-up to Leif Force in the \$1k."

Bader came into the final day at near the bottom half of the counts but picked his spots and went on a late final table heater to claim his third gold ring, first since 2017, along with taking down over a quarter-million dollars to go along with it was rewarding as well.

"I'm just really grateful and glad I ran well," Bader said in his closing statement.

Final Table Results

1st Place: Brett Bader - \$364,104
2nd Place: Matthew Wantman - \$225,047
3rd Place: Amir Atabaki - \$170,095
4th Place: Thong Ho - \$129,670
5th Place: David Dowdy - \$99,714

6th Place: Jeff Trudeau - \$77,351
7th Place: Bryan Emory - \$60,535
8th Place: David Moses - \$47,799
9th Place: Chris Meyers - \$38,083
10th Place: Joseph Johnson - \$30,618

Day 3 Action

The final day of the Main Event saw 14 players return from Day 2, each guaranteed at least a \$24,842 payday.

The action kicked right into gear off the bat as Aditya Prasetyo failed to win a race against David Dowdy as he was the first player to exit on the final day while Luke Blindert and Wayne Whitehill fell in the same level.

Shortly after, WSOP bracelet winner and eight-time Circuit ring winner Michael Lech found himself in a dominating situation against David Moses holding big slick against king-ten, but Moses flopped the nut straight to send Lech home in 11th place.

The same level saw Joseph Johnson's pocket jacks get rivered by Hong Ho's ace-ten and he made his exit 10th place, setting the stage for the official final table.

Final Table Action

Players played for almost a full level before Chris Meyers made his exit at the final table after he failed to win a race with ace-queen suited against Matthew Wantman's pocket nines.

The next level saw back-to-back eliminations after Moses' ace-king failed to crack Amir Atabaki's pocket jacks while Bryan Emory was straightened out by Brett Bader on the turn.

Just before players went on break, ten-time Circuit ring winner Jeff Trudeau's pocket king lost to Dowdy's ace-ten, sending him home in sixth place.

From here, chips started to shuffle around the five remaining players, but none more than for Dowdy who held over 50% of the chips in play at one point only to end up being the next elimination in fifth place (\$99,714).

Just like Dowdy's rollercoaster day, Ho had a ride of his own, after falling to just half of a big blind, to making a run to end his Main Event in fourth place (\$129,670), after his made hand of nines failed to win a race against Wantman's big slick.

Following Ho's exit was Atabaki, who jammed his short stack in the middle with ace-ten only to be called by Bader holding a dominating ace-queen. Atabaki was unable to pair his ten and his run ended in third place for \$170,095.

The heads-up battle proved to be a formidable one, as both players exchanged the chip lead until Wantman called off his stack after he rivered a seven-high straight, only to see Bader held a full house, and he finished runner-up for \$225,047.

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| Name: | Brett Bader | Age: | 31 |
| Nationality: | USA | Profession: | Poker Pro |
| Birthplace: | Jericho, NY | WSOP Bracelets: | 0 |
| Current Residence: | Coconut Creet, FL | Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: | 2 |

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