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WSOP Circuit Event Wraps up with \$294k winner

WINNERS WILL RETURN TO CHEROKEE IN AUGUST

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Former Circuit main event winner Dylan Wilkerson of San Francisco, CA (pictured, left) has claimed his second Circuit main event ring, triumphing in **Event #10: \$1,675 No-Limit Hold'em Main Event** at Harrah's Cherokee. The victory brought Wilkerson a payday of \$294,152.

The victory by Wilkerson also assures Event #5 winner **Steven Snyder** the Casino Championship title for this Circuit stop. Snyder had already amassed 92.5 points through 10 official ring events entering Monday's final day of action, and no other players earned enough points to surpass Snyder's total. Snyder, though, has

already assured himself a spot in August's Global Casino Championship.

Wilkerson's win came after a lengthy heads-up duel against veteran poker pro **Erick Lindgren**, who put in a surprise appearance in the Cherokee main event. Wilkerson began heads-up action against Lindgren with a 4:1 edge in chips, then watched as Lindgren dominated the early stages of the duel to take an 8:1 lead himself.

From there, though, the cards swung Wilkerson's way. After a double-up and a couple of other big pots, Wilkerson moved back into the lead. Then Wilkerson caught pocket kings in the same hand that Lindgren found pocket queens. The chips went in, the board blanked out, and Wilkerson was the winner. Lindgren's runner-up effort was worth \$181,864. (courtesy WSOP.com)

Over \$6 million in winnings were paid out over the 12-day circuit event. The WSOP circuit moves onto Horseshoe Baltimore and other stops before rounding back to Cherokee for the Global Casino Championship as well as the first Circuit stop of the next season, August 2-13.

ABOUT Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

An enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is located in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina. The Casino has 150,000 square feet of gaming space with over 3,600 slot games and 150 traditional table games such as black jack, roulette and craps. The property also features over 1,100 hotel rooms, the Le Fu Men gaming area, 10 restaurants, the ESSENCE Lounge, the luxurious 18,000 square feet Mandara Spa and seven retail shops. In addition to the 56-acre property, guests have privileged access to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian-owned Sequoyah National Golf Club. Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is also home to the UltraStar Multi-tainment center which features 24 bowling lanes, an arcade, 3 bars and 200 seat restaurant with event stage.

ABOUT Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel:

An enterprise of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel is located near Murphy, North Carolina. The Cherokee County, NC facility features 50,000 square feet of gaming space with over 1,000 slot games and 70 traditional table games, The Food Market and a 300-room, full service hotel.