

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Event #6

Omaha 8

Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)

Total Entries: 117

Prize Pool: \$35,100

April 13-14, 2015



John Reading Bests O8 Field in Omaha

St. Paul, Minn. pro complements six figures in online earnings with a Circuit gold ring and \$10,531.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 14, 2015) — John Reading of St. Paul, Minn. is a gold ring winner following a championship performance at the Horseshoe Casino located just outside Omaha, Neb. Tuesday night. Reading, who won Event 6 of the property's Circuit series, a \$365 Omaha 8 tournament, went home with \$10,531 as well as 50 points toward the Casino Championship for what marked his first live O8 victory.

"It feels good to finally get a win," the online pro with two six-figure cashes said. "I just wanted the ring today. Once I chipped up early I just actually wanted the ring. That was kind of my only focus."

Reading, who began the Day 2 restart 15th of 25 returning players, zoned in on the ring and never faltered in his journey to the winner's circle. The three-table restart narrowed to the unofficial final table in a matter of a few hours and from there, it took just a couple hours to narrow to heads-up play as Reading faced off against Marvin Rumery. The pair dueled for the better part of four hours before Reading picked up [Qh][4h][5c][3c] on a [9s][8h][4d][Th][6h] board to scoop the pot with a queen-high flush and an eight-six low. The hand didn't bust Rumery, but it would be only a few minutes before he hit the rail second earning \$6,508.

"I was really happy for a change with how I was playing," Reading said.

Reading is a 26-year-old professional poker player. In addition to nearly \$160,000 in earnings and a handful of live victories, he boasts a slew of online cashes including two six figures scores. The victory marks his third WSOP-related cash and more than doubles his career earnings on the tour.

"PLO is my favorite cash game by far," he said of Omaha. "I like playing Omaha. Hold'em gets a little boring sometimes, actually. I'm a big fan of Omaha."

While PLO might be his favorite cash game, Reading isn't one to shy away from any variation. He got his start in poker playing online and worked his way up to playing a \$25/50 10-game mix.

"I'm familiar with all games, but I definitely still have stuff to work on," he said.

Reading proved his worth in non-hold'em games against a tough field in Event 6. The restart alone featured the likes of all-time Circuit cashes leader Doug Carli, Josh Reichard, Alex Rocha, and of course, five-time Circuit ring winner and chip leader Valentin Vornicu. Carli and Reichard hit the rail shy of the money, but Vornicu, whose previous five rings all came in hold'em, rode his Day 2 chip stack to a final table berth before busting fourth. The finish, while shy of his sixth ring, marked Vornicu's 24th Circuit cash and earned him \$3,366. Rocha would follow him to the payout desk a little while later in third.

Event 6 was the sixth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 Omaha 8 event attracted 117 players. The total prize pool came to \$35,100 and the top 12 finishers were paid.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Council Bluffs

EVENT #1: David Hengen defeated 150 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,596

EVENT #2: Norman Michalek defeated 160 players (\$365 NLH Turbo) for \$12,958

EVENT #3: Kevin McLaughlin defeated 453 entries (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$29,223

EVENT #4: Chris Bibb defeated 122 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,249

EVENT #5: Jared Mohnen defeated 124 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,414

EVENT #6: John Reading defeated 117 players (\$365 O8) for \$10,531

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Council Bluffs' 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship set to take place at Harrah's Casino in Cherokee, N.C. July 29-31. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 56 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

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