

2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Horseshoe Casino

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Event #8

No-Limit Hold'em

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

Total Entries: 129

Prize Pool: \$38,700

April 15, 2015



Daniel Lowery Wins Third Ring of Circuit Season, Cards Fourth Career Victory

Peter Pender, Ark. Pro crosses \$500,000 in career Circuit earnings following \$10,838 score in Council Bluffs \$365 event.

Chris Bibb finishes sixth, takes Council Bluffs Casino Championship lead through eight events.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 16, 2015) — Daniel Lowery is a four-time ring winner following his third victory of the 2014/2015 Circuit season early Thursday morning at the Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Lowery shortened the Event 8 structure by a day, using just 14 hours to navigate his way through a 129-player field in the \$365 no-limit hold'em tournament. In addition to his fourth career ring, the victory earned him \$10,838 pushing him past \$500,000 in career Circuit earnings and all but punching his ticket to this summer's National Championship. The string of victories makes him the third player to log three wins this season as he joins the company of Scott Stewart and Vincent Moscati.

"I'm having a great time," Lowery said of his run. "I play mainly for the money, but in the same breath I have to admit that at the first of the season I made a goal that I was going to win three rings. I could make history if I get to New Orleans and run really hot. I think I could win a fourth one and really set a record."

Lowery kicked off the year donning gold at IP Biloxi, then continued his winning ways at Harveys Lake Tahoe. Now, roughly five months later, he's completed the trifecta here in Council Bluffs. Each of his three victories have come in \$365 no-limit hold'em events.

In contrast to his tremendous successes, Lowery has had some close calls that fell by the wayside in recent months. The poker pro from Peter Pender, Ark. juggles his family life with his professional life and is unable to play a full schedule of events like the slew of 20-somethings traveling the circuit. He picks and chooses his spots, and more often than not, he's made the most of his opportunities during the 2014/2015 season.

"The last three weeks have been kind of a weird roller coaster for me," Lowery admitted. "I had some really high highs on the felt. I only played four tournaments and two of them I had the chip lead playing for six figures where I should have won some really big money. I second-guessed myself a lot. I talked to some really good players since I got to [Council Bluffs]. A lot of my

friends – RunGood pros that are here with me – have talked to me about what I did wrong. I think I played a lot better today.”

In addition to some good play, Lowery caught a fortunate run of cards. He was joined at the Event 8 final table by some heavy hitters including heads-up opponent and 2007 WSOP Main Event 27th-place finisher Jeff Bryan, Josh Mancuso (4th), Chris Bibb (6th) and Chris Karambinis (7th). Others to finish in the money include William Byrnes (11th), Jason Mayfield (12th) and Alex Rocha (15th).

“I finished off a pretty good opponent [in Bryan] at a pretty tough table,” Lowery said of his competition. “I got Josh Mancuso – a really good player. I was glad to bust him. He shipped the button and I had two kings. Easy game when you can do that.”

In addition to Bryan and Mancuso, Lowery crippled Karambinis, a two-time ring winner, flopping a set of jacks on an ace-high board. Lowery raked the pot giving him roughly half the chips in play while Karambinis was severely shortstacked. He busted at the hands of Mancuso a short while later.

“I feel like I’m playing better than I ever have,” Lowery said. “I’ve learned a lot in the last year and a half – more about myself than my game, probably [...] I try to play with controlled aggression and have people fearful at the table. Today it was not so much of that. I didn’t hold very many hands. I just got in some good spots.”

Following the victory, Lowery’s Circuit resume boasts 36 cashes including five Main Event final tables and more than \$500,000 in earnings. The self-described very young 41-year-old was humble but confident when asked what’s in store for the near future.

“I would like to try to win this \$580 tomorrow,” he said. “I feel like I’m playing good. Other than [a few hands] I didn’t feel like I even played cards that much today. I’m ready to play again tomorrow. I’ve probably had the most success in Main Events. I’m excited about getting to play in the Main here. I’ve always wanted to come here. I never have been to Iowa in my life.”

Lowery wasn’t the only one to make headlines in the \$365 tournament. Bibb, who finished 6th, carded his second cash of the 12-day Council Bluffs series and takes the Casino Championship points lead through eight events. Last year, Bibb finished 4th in the season-ending tournament earning \$115,655 for his efforts.

Event 8 was the eighth of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Council Bluffs. The \$365 no-limit hold’em event attracted 129 players. The total prize pool came to \$38,700 and the top 15 finishers were paid.

The tournament began Wednesday, April 15 at 12 p.m. and action concluded ahead of schedule wrapping the during the early morning hours of Thursday toward the end of Level 21 (~2 a.m.).

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

EVENT #7: Mark Evans defeated 149 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$12,737

EVENT #8: Dan Lowery defeated 129 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,838

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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