2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 11

Foxwoods Casino

Mashantucket, CT

Event #4

Omaha/8 or Better

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

Total Entries: 89

Prize Pool: \$29,100

May 15-16, 2015



Lawrence Zito Wins First WSOP Circuit Ring

Mashantucket, CT (May 14, 2015) — The fourth event at the World Series of Poker Circuit at Foxwoods Casino had 89 entries, slightly missing the \$30,000 Guarantee on the event. When all was said and done, Lawrence Zito walked away the winner, taking home \$9,312 and his first WSOP-C ring.

Lawrence considers himself somewhat of an Omaha/8 heads up specialist, having played \$50-\$200 heads up sit and go's online under the screenname "BakedZito." Once he was heads up with Giacomo D'Agostino, Lawrence knew he would win the ring.

"You have more of an advantage in mixed games," Lawrence explained. "People don't know how to play mixed games as well as no-limit hold'em, so I focused on mixed games when I started playing." Lawrence used to be a dealer in Manhattan, and started his poker career there. "I was due for this win," said Lawrence, who has many Omaha/8 final tables under his belt, but no wins until today.

The timing of his win is perfect, as Lawrence just bought a house and a new car. Lawrence will be able to celebrate two thing this week: his win, and the six year old birthday of his son Canyon. He has another son on the way, due in October, and says "My wife hates when I go play poker, but now I can be like... ahhhhh!"

Lawrence, 35, runs his own painting business in Queens, NY. He'd love to play more WSOP-C events, but explains his option are limited as he only plays mixed games. Expect to see Lawrence at more Omaha/8 final tables in the future.

Event #3 was the third of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Foxwoods Casino. The \$365 no-limit hold'em event attracted 89 players creating a \$29,100 prize pool. The top 9 players were paid.

The tournament began Friday, May 15 at 1pm, and the final table was reached at 2am. The final table resumed at 1pm, and Lawrence was crowned champion less than three hours later.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Foxwoods Casinos's 12 combined gold ring tournaments earns the title Casino Champion and receives automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship. Additionally, all players who cash in ring events earn points that

apply toward the season-long race to claim one of 60 expected at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on <u>WSOP.com</u>.

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