

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Horseshoe Casino
Council Bluffs, IA
Event #4
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 151
Prize Pool: \$45,300
April 13-14, 2014**



Jeremy Roldan Steamrolls Event 4

21-year-old student and poker pro bests the likes of eight-time Circuit winner Alex Masek to earn his first ring and \$12,231.

Council Bluffs, IA (April 14, 2014) — Jeremy Roldan began the Event 4 final table with a modest stack of 153,000 chips and sat toward the bottom half of the counts. At just 21 years old and facing off against the likes of all-time Circuit ring leader Alex Masek and chip leader Fadi Hamad, Roldan's odds of winning could only be described as slim.

As play progressed though, his prowess on the poker table started to make itself known. The part-time student part-time pro conducted himself deliberately and aggressively as player after player hit the rail – most notably, Masek.

Masek was making his second final table appearance of the Council Bluffs series having finished third in the opening \$365 event. Although he began toward the bottom of the counts, with a resume like his he could never be counted out. In the end, it took pocket aces and pocket queens all-in in a three-way pot to bust his K-10 and send him to the rail.

The eighth-place finish was good for Masek's 34th Circuit cash and a \$1,367 score.

Following Masek's elimination, notables Jason Bond exited seventh, Hamad fifth and Tyler Chaffin third. When heads-up play against Andrew Van Wyhe began, Roldan held a substantial chip advantage but surrendered roughly a half dozen pots in a row to Van Wyhe bringing him with shouting distance of a comeback – but it proved to be Roldan's day. The hiccup was short lived as he sent Van Wyhe to the rail second, earning his first ring, \$12,231 and 50 points toward the Casino Championship in the process.

"It feels really good, kind of surreal and unbelievable right now," Roldan said. "I'm sure I'll get over it in a few days."

The up-and-comer got his start at casinos in Oklahoma and Canada that permitted 18 year olds to play their games. He had experienced little success and decided to concentrate the majority of his efforts on his schoolwork as of late. At just 21 years old, Roldan is wise beyond his years and recognizes the importance of life off the felt.

