

2015/2016 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 12
Harrah's Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ
Event #4
Omaha Hi/Lo 8 or Better
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 101
Prize Pool: \$30,300
March 17-18, 2016



John Creed Wins First Gold Ring in Event #4

Virginia pro conquers Omaha Hi/Lo event for \$9,089 and the jewelry

Atlantic City, NJ (March 18, 2016) — John Creed is the champion of Event #4 at Harrah's Atlantic City, defeating a field of 101 players to win his first gold ring. He also earned more than \$9,000 in cash for his work over the course of the two-day event.

The champ is a 34-year-old pro from Virginia, and he considers himself primarily a cash game player. His tournament results might argue otherwise though, as he's approaching \$200,000 in live cashes over the past three years. He came close to winning a ring earlier this season in Baltimore too, finishing in fourth place in the Big O event. A significant chunk of his tournament results, in fact, have come in variations of the four-card game.

"It's my game," he said with a broad smile. "Just the action. I'm a degenerate for action. I'm better in cash, but..." When asked what adjustments he makes when playing tournaments, the smile widened further. "A lot more solid in tournaments," he said. "A lot, a lot, a lot more solid."

Creed had a sluggish start to this event, running his stack in the wrong direction for the first few levels. He was down to a paltry 800 chips at one point during Day 1, but things turned around nicely in the second half. He had climbed all the way up into second place when play was suspended with 15 players left, and he was the chip leader by the time they reached the final table of nine. From there until the heads-up match, it was pretty smooth sailing for Creed.

Entering the final duel against Michael Bees, Creed held a 5:1 chip lead, but Bees refused to go quietly. "He's a good heads-up player, a good limit player," Creed said. "So I had to switch things up a little bit." Bees erased the gap in short order, even taking over the chip lead briefly. Creed was too much in the end, though, and 90 minutes into the match, he finally sealed the deal.

Still relishing the moments of victory, Creed was concise in describing his feelings: "It feels good, man. I needed it."
