



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Hammond (Hammond, Ind.)	Date:	20 October 2017
Event:	Limit Omaha 8 or Better	Entries:	133
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$39,900

ADAM DEMBOWSKI WINS 1ST GOLD RING

Blackjack dealer grabs gold in Omaha Hi-Lo tourney.

Adam Dembowski grabbed a piece of World Series of Poker gold on Friday, at the Horseshoe Hammond Circuit series. The 32-year-old outlasted 133 players in Event #9: \$365 Limit Omaha Hi-Lo 8 or Better to win his first WSOP gold ring.

The tournament finished in two days, and left Dembowski as the last man standing after a lengthy heads-up battle on Day 2. Michael Younan, a Police Officer from Chicago, was Dembowski's final opponent.

"He's a good guy. I liked playing with him. Tough competitor," said Dembowski.

Chip stacks remained fairly even throughout the match up. However, a point did arise when Dembowski believed he would be down and out.

"We went on break... I had the chip lead a little bit and then it just swung back his way. He scooped like three, four big pots," Dembowski explained. "I thought I was done."

After falling to around 300,000 in chips, against Younan's 1,000,000, a resurgence of scoops graced Dembowski's fortunes. "You know, it's a swingy game," he claimed. In the end, Dembowski reclaimed the lead and eventually delivered a final blow to Younan.

The victory provided Dembowski with a nice payday of \$11,171. For a living, When the Chicago-area resident is not playing poker he works as a Table Game Dealer at Rivers Casino, near O'Hare International Airport.

“It’s a fun job, I love it. I got the weekends off. I can play poker,” said Dembowski. “In the past couple years, I’ve definitely been playing more.”

Although Dembowski spends a lot of his time dealing out cards, he came to Hammond, Indiana to receive them, at a rate of four per hand no less. Dembowski entered the Omaha Hi-Lo competition harboring little experience with the game type.

“Honestly, I never play Omaha Hi-Lo,” admitted Dembowski “Got some help from friends who know the game better than me. They taught me a few things and I decided to try it, and... It worked out.”

His lack of Hi-Lo familiarity did not deter the Wisconsin native though. With tips from some pals and knowledge of the variance Omaha entails, Dembowski powered through to a Circuit title and debut gold ring.

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Name:	Adam Dembowski	Age:	32
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Table Games Dealer
Birthplace:	Milwaukee, Wis.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Chicago, Ill.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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