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A Bowie man hit a stroke of luck last week at Live! Casino & Hotel in Hanover, Maryland.

Wendell Holmes turned a \$5 wager into a \$686,142 win at the casino on Feb. 15 after hitting the Super 4 Blackjack Progressive jackpot.

This month, Live! Casino & Hotel announced it's giving table games players more ways to hit the jackpot. They introduced two new games: Stax Super 4 Progressive Blackjack and Royal 9 Progressive Baccarat.

The new STAX Progressive offers Blackjack players a chance to hit for five different progressive jackpots. The new Royal 9 Progressive also offers eight ways to win. The top jackpot on each progressive could hit on a single \$5 wager, and the jackpots start at \$50,000.

"We expanded our progressive jackpot system to give our customers more ways to get Lucky at Live!," the casino's manager, Travis Lamb, said in a statement. "You never know when a \$5 side bet could turn into a life-changing win."

Holmes took advantage of this new game and lower wager, and it turned out in his favor.

However, gambling addiction is a problem in Maryland, with help hotline calls increasing by over 60 percent through December.

Those in need of help are urged to call the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling's help hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.

Read more <u>https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Bowie-Man-Turns-5-Into-686000-at-H</u> <u>anover-Casino-506170591.html</u>