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POWERBALL JACKPOT COULD REACH \$475 MILLION

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LITTLE ROCK – It's already \$403 million dollars, and it's already the tenth-largest jackpot in Powerball history, drawing tonight. But Powerball officials estimate if it doesn't hit tonight, the jackpot could rise to a staggering \$475 million for Saturday's drawing.

Tonight's Powerball drawing will be the 19th since the most recent jackpot win. But plenty of Arkansas players continue to win playing Powerball, including today's claim of \$50,000 by Charles Keffer of DeWitt, who bought his winning Powerball ticket at Dodge Store in Stuttgart. Since Powerball sales began in Arkansas in 2009, there have been million-dollar Powerball winners all across the state, including in Uniontown, Conway, Hot Springs, Grubbs, Little Rock, De Queen, Searcy, Berryville, and Jacksonville.

Besides Powerball's tenth largest-ever \$403 million level for tonight, Friday's Mega Millions jackpot is \$64 million, and tonight's Natural State Jackpot top prize is \$135,000. All this means Arkansas players who get the lottery's 5 Buck Bundle – a package which includes one Powerball, one Mega Millions and one Natural State Jackpot ticket – can have a stake in all this high jackpot action for a mere sawbuck.

(To get the Bundle, Arkansas players must simply buy a \$3 Powerball ticket with PowerPlay and a \$2 Mega Millions ticket with Megaplier to receive a free \$1 Natural State Jackpot ticket all February long. All three tickets will be Quick Picks. This promotion is not available from lottery TVMs or if purchased separately.)

About Powerball

Powerball is a multi-state national jackpot draw game with drawings held at 9:59 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. Powerball began in April 1992 in 15 states with jackpots that started at a guaranteed \$2 million. Since then, Powerball has grown into one of the world's biggest and most recognizable lottery games, sold today by 47 lotteries across the nation, with players buying more than \$4 billion in Powerball tickets each year. The world record jackpot was set by a Powerball jackpot run that reached \$1.586 billion and hit in Tennessee, California, and Florida.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

Since its inception in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided nearly \$700 million for in-state college scholarships to Arkansas students, nearly \$2 billion in prizes to players, and more than \$182 million in commissions to Lottery retailers. More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in Arkansas.

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