

Eight Baldor Workers in Lottery Pool Hit \$10,000 Powerball Prize - Fort Smith

Danny Hopper of Greenwood (pictured above with his wife) today claimed a \$10,000 Powerball prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Springdale Claim Center, in behalf of himself and seven of his co-workers at the Fort Smith Baldor plant. The ticket was purchased at Jet-Away #3 on Highway 271 South in Fort Smith. The Baldor group's winning numbers came up at the Saturday night Powerball drawing in Orlando, Florida. The eight winners will split the prize, which after tax will put \$850 in each of their pockets.

Often, co-workers form a lottery pool, buying tickets together and sharing the winnings. The most famous instance of this practice occurred in February 2006, when a group of Omaha, Nebraska, meatpackers won a \$365 Million Powerball jackpot. Coincidentally, there were 8 co-workers in that pool as well, which resulted in the largest jackpot win in Powerball history.

A \$10,000 prize occurs in Powerball when four of the five white ball numbers are chosen, plus the correct red Powerball number. Had the group also purchased the \$1 PowerPlay option, the multiplier number Saturday was 2x, and the prize would have doubled to \$20,000.

