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Lonoke Man Wins \$250,000 in Play It Again Drawing

LOTTO Jackpot Soars to \$848,000 for Saturday Night

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – A Lonoke man turned an unlucky lottery ticket into a lucky one when he won \$250,000 in the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery's (ASL) Play It Again[®] drawing. Eric Abbott claimed his prize today at the ASL Claim Center in Little Rock.

Abbott's life recently took an unexpected and unfortunate turn when he was let go from his job of 20 years this Tuesday. Little did he know the same day after being dismissed, his luck would soon change.

The claimant's name was randomly selected from all the eligible entries players had submitted from non-winning instant scratch-off tickets. His Play It Again win came from the \$5 50X the Money ticket. Abbott discovered he was a winner this morning.

"I woke up around 5 a.m. and decided to check my emails," he said. "I was shocked when I came across a lottery email saying I had won in one of those second-chance drawings!"

Abbott added, "I immediately thought it was a scam, so I checked The Club website to see if my name was listed and called the lottery to confirm my win."

The Club has more than 321,000 registered members. It is free to sign up by visiting MyArkansasLottery.com or via the official AR Lottery + Club Mobile App and clicking on "The Club."

Players can enter eligible non-winning instant scratch-off tickets to earn Points for Prizes[®] points and enter the Play It Again drawings. Players can also enter eligible winning and non-winning terminal-generated tickets for Points for Prizes points.

Abbott first told his parents about the lottery win. He plans to purchase a new car and help his family and friends with his newfound wealth.

"This is truly a blessing, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to help alleviate their financial stress," he said.

The next Play It Again drawing is anticipated for Oct. 26 for a \$500,000 lottery prize. Players can see which games are included in this drawing by visiting the Drawings & Winners page on The Club website at TheClub.aslplayerservices.com/drawings.

Play It Again winners are contacted through the information in their Club account profile, so ASL encourages all Club members to keep their email, mailing address, and phone number up to date.

With no LOTTO jackpot winner since May, the lottery's grand prize continues to soar and sits at \$848,000 for tomorrow night's drawing.

LOTTO is an Arkansas-only jackpot game with drawings every Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets are \$2 per play and can be purchased at all lottery retailers or on the Jackpocket app. For game odds and winning numbers, visit MyArkansasLottery.com.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of ASL revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the lottery has raised more than \$1.3 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 720,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4.6 billion in prizes to players, about \$389 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$167 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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