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Saturday’s Powerball Jackpot Bumped to \$535 Million

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LITTLE ROCK – The Powerball® jackpot has been bumped up today to \$535 million, which means the jackpot sits at more than a half-a-billion dollars. Yes, that’s “billion” with a “B.”

This \$535 million jackpot marks the fifth largest Powerball prize up for grabs in game history. It is the first time since the jackpot run that produced the world-record jackpot of \$1.586 billion in January 2016 that the jackpot has gone over \$500 million.

Saturday night’s drawing will be the 20th drawing since the jackpot was last hit on June 10 in California. One ticket won \$2 million in Wednesday’s Powerball drawing, and two tickets each won \$1 million. The 3X Multiplier appeared in Wednesday’s Powerball drawing, which increased 15 \$50,000 prizes to \$150,000 each with Power Play®. The current Powerball jackpot run that started on June 14 has produced the following:

- Seven \$2 million-winning tickets
- 26 \$1 million-winning tickets
- 16,972,286 winning tickets across all prize categories

“It’s always exciting when jackpots reach this level,” said Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Director Bishop Woosley. “We want to remind the public that you can’t win if you don’t play. We would love to see someone in Arkansas win the big prize.

“Every lottery ticket our players buy helps fund scholarships for Arkansas students. However, a higher percentage of profits from jackpot draw games like Powerball and Mega Millions and Natural State Jackpot goes to scholarships, which means even more financial help for Arkansas students.”

Powerball is a multi-state jackpot game. Drawings are held at 9:59 p.m. (Central Time) every Wednesday and Saturday in Florida. Five numbered balls are drawn from 1 to 69 and one numbered ball is drawn from 1 to 26. If all your numbers match those that are drawn, you win the jackpot, which starts at \$40 million and grows until someone wins.

If other players also match all six numbers, the prize will be shared in equal amounts. Each Powerball play is \$2. For an additional dollar, players can add the Power Play® option to multiply non-jackpot winnings by 2, 3, 4, 5 or 10 times except for the Match-5 prize, which is set at \$2 million.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in the state. Since the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery began in 2009, the Lottery has provided nearly \$700 million for more than 235,000 scholarships to Arkansas students to 51 colleges, universities and technical schools in the state. It has provided nearly \$2.3 billion in prizes to players, and more than \$197 million in commissions to Lottery retailers.

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