Mystery Lottery Winner Claims £5.2 Million Jackpot Prize

A lucky National Lottery player has stepped forward to claim the massive £5.2 million jackpot from the Wednesday, April 17 draw, lottery officials confirmed yesterday. The fortunate ticket matched all six winning numbers, netting exactly £5,281,290 for the as-yet-unnamed winner.

The win comes during a remarkable month for lottery players in the United Kingdom. April has been especially generous, with many winners receiving substantial payouts. Many players turn to various platforms to try their luck, and the best online casinos are seeing increased activity among those looking to take advantage of great sign-up offers and other bonuses. The growing popularity of both traditional lottery games and online gaming reflects the British public's enduring fascination with games of chance.



Allwyn, which operates The National Lottery, has begun its standard verification procedures before the multi-million pound prize can be handed over. Once the ticket passes validation, the winner will meet with a winners' adviser to receive their life-changing sum. As with all major lottery winners, the ticket holder will have the option to share their story publicly or remain out of the spotlight.

Andy Carter, Senior Winners' Adviser at The National Lottery, spoke about the claim with enthusiasm. He noted that winning such a substantial jackpot fulfills a lifelong dream for most players and promised that the organisation would guide the winner through every step of the process.

The fortunate ticket correctly matched the winning numbers 11, 26, 28, 31, 35, and 39, with 40 as the bonus number. The draw used ball set 3 and the Guinevere draw machine.

The jackpot winner wasn't the only one who had reason to celebrate following the April 17 draw. Another player matched five numbers plus the bonus ball, winning £1 million. Further down the prize list, 38 players each took home £1,750 by matching five of the six main numbers.

<u>Players of Lotto HotPicks</u>, which uses the same numbers as the main Lotto draw, also saw significant wins. One ticket holder claimed £350,000 after matching all five numbers, while four players who matched four numbers each received £13,000.

The Thunderball draw on the same night produced winning numbers 07, 16, 29, 32, and 35, with a Thunderball of 01. While no one claimed the top prize of £500,000 for matching all numbers plus the Thunderball, one fortunate player won £5,000 by matching the five main numbers.

April has proven a banner month for the National Lottery, with ten new millionaires created so far. Eight ticket holders have each won £1 million by matching five main numbers and the bonus ball, while two lucky players became multi-millionaires.

The National Lottery reminds all players to check their tickets promptly, as winners must claim prizes within 180 days of the draw date. Any unclaimed prize money after this period goes to support National Lottery-funded projects throughout the UK.

Lottery officials have announced that the next Lotto draw will

take place on Saturday with an estimated jackpot of £3.8 million. Tickets must be purchased before the cut-off time for players wishing to participate in what could be another lifechanging draw.