

Lucky Oregon ticket is \$182.7 Million Powerball winner

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Eight others win \$200k-\$600k each

Powerball paid off in BIG ways Saturday evening. One lucky ticket in Oregon matched all 6 numbers to win the \$182.7 million jackpot. The holder of the winning ticket will now have to decide to either take the 29-year, 30-installment annuity, or the one time cash "lump sum" amount of \$88,067,283.

Five tickets correctly matched the 5 white numbers and won \$200,000. These tickets were sold in Indiana (1), Kentucky (1), Minnesota (1), Wisconsin (1), and West Virginia (1).

An additional 3 tickets that correctly matched the 5 white numbers also had the Power Play option that multiplied their winnings by 3 for a total of \$600,000 each! Those lucky tickets were purchased in Arizona (1), Oklahoma (1), and Tennessee (1).

Besides the jackpot, there were a total of 967,096 winning tickets in America's Game Saturday evening. Those tickets won prizes totaling an incredible \$9,128,285!

The numbers drawn Saturday were 7, 17, 44, 47, 54 and the Powerball was 3. The Power Play multiplier was 3.

Other big winners included 49 tickets that matched 4 white numbers plus the Powerball and won \$10,000. An additional 5 tickets at that level also purchased the Power Play option multiplying the prize by 3 for a total win of \$30,000!

A total of 146,677 winning Powerball plays were multiplied by 3 Saturday evening. Winners were able to do so by purchasing the Power Play option for one dollar. With Power Play you can multiply your winnings, except for the jackpot, from 2 to 5 times. At the beginning of each drawing a wheel is spun to select that night's multiplier.

Players purchased more than \$39.6 million in tickets between Thursday and Saturday night.

The jackpot for Wednesday, March 21st will be \$15 million.

The lotteries sold more than \$2.8 billion in Powerball tickets in FY06. That translates into more than \$825 million for worthwhile state projects.

Powerball is now played in 29 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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