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Local Barman Pops the Cork on Lotto Win

The drinks were on a local barman after he pulled a £118,149 by matching five numbers and bonus ball in the Lotto draw on Saturday 5 November.

Mark Davis (35), who works at The Park Hotel in Netherton, Merseyside, had only been playing Lotto and EuroMillions for a few months – having recently returned to the UK after living in Tenerife for eight years, where he worked in his parents' bar. Mark had already won £44 three weeks earlier by matching four numbers, so he could not believe his luck when he realised he had scooped an even bigger prize.

He explained: "I went down to the Post Office in Netherton to buy my ticket, but when I got back to the hotel I realised I'd topped up my mobile but hadn't actually got my ticket, so I had to run back to get it."

Mark currently lives in the hotel, and it was here that he discovered he had won: "I only check my numbers in the Sunday papers as I work when the draw is on. When I checked my ticket, I thought I had matched three numbers, then I realised I had matched four, then when I saw that I had matched five numbers and the bonus number too, I couldn't believe it!

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“I ran downstairs to the bar and asked my colleague to check the numbers. He confirmed that I had matched the numbers, and then I went back to the Post Office to see how much I had won. I was stunned to hear it was over £100,000.”

Mark, who has two sons, Mac (5) and Alfie (2), then returned to the pub to call his parents in Tenerife.

“I rang my mum and said ‘Are you sitting down, I’ve won some money’. They were so happy for me when I told them how much I had won. I then told some of the regulars in the bar and celebrated by buying a few beers for everyone. It hasn’t sunk in yet that I have won the Lotto. I am still shocked, but I am absolutely delighted”

Mark plans to spend his new-found fortune on some furniture for the flat he is moving into at the weekend and on toys for his children. He is also planning a surprise visit back to Tenerife for his friend’s birthday in a couple of weeks, as well as a new car.

Mark chose his Lotto numbers at random, and the winning numbers on Saturday 5 November were 12, 13, 21, 26, 32, 39, and the bonus was 17.

Tonight (Wednesday 9 November), there is an estimated £2.8 million Lotto jackpot available to win and a further £2.4 million estimated jackpot up for grabs on Lotto Extra – while Friday’s (11 November) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £30 million.

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