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## **Telephone Engineer With Winning Line Rings Up A Cool Half Million On EuroMillions**

An Essex-based BT engineer is celebrating after collecting £511,554.50 by matching all five main numbers and one Lucky Star number in last Friday's EuroMillions draw (27 January 2006).

Christopher Ingram (26) had never played EuroMillions before but with the biggest ever jackpot in European lottery history up for grabs, he decided to have a go with a couple of Lucky Dip® tickets. After his big win, he is now looking forward to exchanging properties for a dream house, and making some long distance calls to exotic holiday destinations.

Christopher explained: "We play Lotto every week and have always used the same numbers based on family birthdays. I just thought I'd have a go on EuroMillions and look what's happened. It's just amazing."

Christopher's partner, Emily O'Brien (22), was even more amazed. She decided to check the numbers on Saturday while Christopher was at work and initially thought they had won £511. When she went to their local newsagents, Shabs, where the ticket had been purchased, she was stunned to find out they had won over half a million.

Emily said: "I phoned Christopher at work straightaway with the news and then just waited for him to arrive. I guess I was so elated I couldn't think of anything else to do."

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Christopher and Emily are now busy deciding what to do with their new-found fortune. Christopher, a DIY enthusiast, has always wanted to buy a period house in the countryside for renovation so house hunting is certainly on the cards – a new car is also near the top of their shopping list.

Christopher said: “Emily and I have dreamed of owning a top of the range Chrysler Grand Voyager and we are looking forward to the test drive. We are also planning a family holiday to the Caribbean.”

The couple’s winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 27 January were 9, 15, 21, 40, 49, and their Lucky Star number, 1. The winning ticket was bought from Shahs Newsagents, Rowntree Way, Saffron Walden.

This Friday’s (3 February) record-breaking estimated EuroMillions Rollover jackpot is now an unprecedented **£125 million**.

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