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Hull Syndicate Reels In Lotto Jackpot

Lotto win is catch of the day for local fish factory workers

Members of a syndicate from Hull fish processor, W Simpson, are celebrating after netting a £1,128,663 share of the Lotto jackpot on Saturday 24 March.

The syndicate leader, Chris Baker (28), did not realise they had a winning ticket until the week after the draw because he had been on holiday in South Africa. When he got back from his holiday, Chris turned up at work expecting just another day at the office, but his day did not pan out as usual. Chris and fellow syndicate member, Mark Lorenz (33), then went to the local supermarket to double-check the ticket, before going to The National Lottery's regional centre in Liverpool to collect their winnings.

Chris explained: "I came back into the office for a half day after returning from South Africa. The lottery ticket was in my drawer so I checked it online and it seemed that we'd won the jackpot. I was so exhausted from my trip that I couldn't quite believe it, so I only told one other person in case I'd made a mistake. I only believed this was real when my ticket was validated by Camelot and the cheque was in the bank!"

Now that the win has sunk in, Chris, Mark and the rest of the syndicate, who wish to remain anonymous, are planning how to spend their new-found fortune. Chris has already put down a deposit on a new car and Mark is also thinking about buying a new car and paying-off half his mortgage. They also intend to treat their friends and family.

The lucky ticket was bought at Eida's News in Hull, and the winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 24 March were: 9, 14, 26, 28, 30 and 45. The win comes only a week after another Hull syndicate landed a £772,906 Lotto jackpot from the draw 3 March.

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Tomorrow night's (Friday 6 March) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £18 million, while on Saturday (7 April), there is a £XX million estimated Lotto jackpot available to win. Every Lotto play slip now comes with its own Dream Number – it is up to players to mark 'yes' to give their Dream Number its chance of winning up to £500,000, or choose a Lucky Dip[®].

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