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## **Sunderland Fan Scores A Winner To Hit The Lottery Jackpot**

A life-long Sunderland FC fan has netted himself a championship prize after matching all six numbers to win the jackpot of £2,703,190 in the Lotto draw on Wednesday 7 March 2007.

Michael Eggleston (61), from Hedworth, Jarrow, has supported the 'Black Cats' all of his life. His lucky streak now means he can watch his favourite team from his own hospitality box as they push for promotion to the Premiership. Michael's love for Sunderland FC is very much a family thing as granddaughter Amy (9) ran out on the pitch last month as the team's official mascot. Michael said: "Amy has certainly been my lucky mascot. I only hope the luck continues for Sunderland."

Michael, who works for Tesco's and his wife Norma (60) were at home when they found out about their win. Michael said: "2007 was always going to be a special year for us as we are about to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in two weeks. We are taking a holiday in Egypt, which will be even extra special. This lottery win is such a fantastic bonus for us. I've had a few previous wins but hitting the jackpot has been an unbelievable experience."

Michael and Norma are still making plans about how to spend their win. They will though be sharing their good fortune with their children Michelle (36) and Chris (34) and their two grandchildren Amy and Teddy. Michael said: "It's very early days at the moment and we are still thinking about what we will do. We will however be able to secure the future for the family and that is the most important thing."

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Michael bought his winning ticket, which was a regular line chosen from family birthdays, from Hedworth Sub Post Office in Jarrow. The winning numbers on Wednesday 7 March were: 4, 14, 25, 35, 42 and 48.

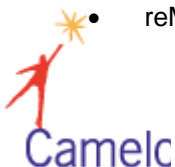
Saturday's (Saturday 10 March) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £4.7million and tonight's EuroMillions jackpot (Friday 9 March) is an estimated £10 million. Every Lotto play slip now comes with its own Dream Number – it is up to players to mark 'yes' to give their Dream Number its chance of winning up to £500,000, or choose a Lucky Dip.

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