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What are your lucky numbers for Wednesday's Lotto Double Rollover?

There is a Lotto Double Rollover with an estimated life-changing jackpot of £12 million this Wednesday. In celebration The National Lottery has unveiled new statistics which show the lucky numbers that could make £12 million worth of dreams come true.

Wednesday will only be the 23rd Lotto Double Rollover since The National Lottery launched in 1994 and analysis reveals which numbers seem to have double the luck. Unbelievably the little pink number 24 has been drawn in almost a third of Double Rollover draws, an amazing seven times, over twice the amount it is predicted to be based on averages. Its success is closely followed by 15, 29, 33 and 44, which have each appeared six times. For players looking to buck the trend, why not go for a rare sighting of number 5. The little white ball is the only one never to have appeared as either a main or bonus ball in a Lotto Double Rollover draw.

A National Lottery spokesperson said: "Number 24 has a stunning track record in Lotto Double Rollover draws, appearing in almost a third of them to date. It's made a lot of people very rich and might just make the difference in laying your hands on the life-changing £12 million up for grabs."

If this does not fit the bill for players looking for a new way to pick their lucky numbers, then why not copy Niven Mitchell. He found a discarded piece of scrap paper outside a London Underground station on which was written a telephone number. Abandoning his usual numbers, he entered digits from the anonymous telephone number and won £1,244,932.

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With £12 million in the bank a lucky winner could embark on a massive spending spree this bank holiday weekend. Former jackpot winners have splashed out on everything from fleets of super cars and luxury houses to amazing holidays and fabulous jewellery. However their spending also extends to some less obvious and much less glamorous items.

David Funnell realised his dream after sharing £3.6m with his brother – he splashed out on a tractor, a flock of ewe's and a ram to visit for the day! Tony Stubbley returned to his childhood by spending some of his £2.2m jackpot on a collection of rare Action Men. Sarah Cockings invested some of her £3m jackpot on boosting her sister's assets up a cup size or two. And Sharon Creighton, who won £8.8m, became Lottery Royalty when she bought herself the title of 'Lady'.

If one person were to bank the entire £12 million jackpot their lifestyle would immediately rival the rich and famous. According to latest estimates* their new bank balance would place them alongside England footballers Kieron Dyer, Emile Heskey and music star Joss Stone. They would be towering over Chelsea's Ashley and Joe Cole who are worth a measly £11m each and Amy Winehouse and Hermione herself, Emma Watson who are worth £10m. They would still be a little short of F1 ace Lewis Hamilton, worth £15m, and pirate princess Keira Knightley, up at £18m.

The last Lotto Double Rollover winners were on Wednesday 26 July 2006, when John Ackerman and John Stinchcombe, two former miners from Crumlin, South Wales, shared the £11,544,846 jackpot. The first Lotto Rollover was in only the fourth National Lottery draw on Saturday 10 December 1994 – while the first Double Rollover did not take place until the 60th Lotto draw on Saturday 6 January 1996.



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If no-one matches the six lucky numbers on Wednesday night, Saturday (3 May) would see only the fifth Lotto Triple Rollover in over 13 years. The first Lotto Triple Rollover took nearly 10 years to arrive when, on Saturday 29 May 2004, six winning ticket-holders each picked up a £3,693,086 share of the jackpot.

The second Lotto Triple Rollover was on 14 October 2006 – when Irene and Ronald Jones from Bilston and a syndicate of 14 postal workers from the Royal Mail's Manchester sorting office shared a massive £18,711,206. The third took place on 3 November 2007 when two tickets each won £8,829,737, including a syndicate of administrative staff from the University of Plymouth. The last was banked earlier this year by Stephen Smith from Hemel Hempstead who cashed a massive cheque for £18,992,109 on 26 January.

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