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Walney Couple Nearly Missed The Boat On EuroMillions Win

A manager of a shipbuilding company and his wife from Walney, Barrow-in-Furness, are celebrating a very lucky win after they bought a EuroMillions ticket at the last minute and scooped £68,469.60 by matching five main numbers in the draw on Friday 18 January 2008.

Mark Cook (30) was urged by his wife, Louise (25), to buy a EuroMillions ticket due to the Rollover draw. Mark, who works as a manager for BAE Systems in Barrow-in-Furness and Louise, a full time homemaker, admit that they were both in shock when they realised the following morning that their numbers had come up.

Mark commented: "The moment Louise woke up on the Friday morning, she said that we must play as it was a Rollover. I forgot about it as the day went on and it wasn't until Louise mentioned it again later on that I realised I hadn't bought a ticket. I ran to the shop and bought two Lucky Dip tickets – I really do owe the win to Louise!"

Mark continued: "When we saw our numbers on Sky Active, we both got very excited and our two young children were looking at us as if we were mad! We rang our parents immediately to share the good news, and then hid our ticket in an envelope in the cupboard."

The win could not have come at a better time for the couple as they are in the process of looking for a new home and paying off upcoming payments is at the top of their list. Louise has a pair of expensive shoes on her wish list and Mark aims to celebrate his forthcoming 30th birthday in style, splashing out on a night of fine food and wine.

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The couple regularly play National Lottery games – especially when there are Lotto and EuroMillions Rollovers – and bought their winning Lucky Dip® ticket at the Co-Op store on Plymouth Street, Walney. The winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 18 January 2008 were 14, 16, 23, 40, 46 and the Lucky Star numbers were 4 and 8.

Tonight's EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £11 million while tomorrow (2 February) there is an estimated £8 million Lotto Rollover jackpot. 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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