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Lotto Double Rollover Dreams Do Come True

As 43% of winners dream of lottery success before hitting the jackpot, what could be the key to unlocking Wednesday's £11 million fortune?

With a life-changing £11 million estimated Lotto Double Rollover jackpot up for grabs tomorrow night (Wednesday 23 January), The National Lottery unveils new statistics which show the lucky numbers that really could be the ones for UK players to back when it comes to making their dreams come true.

There have only been 21 Lotto Double Rollovers since The National Lottery launched in 1994 – with the 22nd set to take place this Wednesday. Number analysis of these 21 Lotto Double Rollover draws up to now reveals that the 24 ball has been drawn in a third of them. Its success is closely followed by 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 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 £11 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.

Whichever numbers players choose, literally following their dreams could be the way to lottery success. According to MORI Ipsos research*, a massive 43% of Lotto millionaires reveal they dreamt about their win before matching their lucky numbers.

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Mother-of-one, Kerri Cartwright from Port Glasgow, had a vivid dream just a week before banking a £2,543,691 Lotto jackpot in January last year. She explained: “I had a dream that I had won the lottery. It was so real I told my boss about it and he joked it would be nice – and then told me to get back to work! I can’t believe that a week later my dream came true.”

Jillian Dunn from Cumbria won a £480,025 share of the Lotto jackpot in May 2006, but she had advance notice from her daughter-in-law, Jane. Jillian said: “The prediction was quite uncanny. My daughter-in-law told me about this recurring dream she’s had of good fortune coming to the family – it’s unbelievable how accurate it was.”

Barmaid, Karen Hayes from South Shields – who scooped £2,608,128 in November 2004 – also had a reoccurring dream that she won. She commented: “I kept dreaming that I had won the lottery and that I had bought new cars for my husband and kids. It became so realistic, I even told my mother who just laughed. I’m just thrilled that I’m awake and it’s all real!”

Another Lotto millionaire, Clare Bollons from Spalding, banked £1,732,913 in November 2002. She recalled: “I had a very vivid dream that I won the lottery – I even visualised the winner numbers and collecting the cheque. I bought myself a ticket the very next day and my numbers came up trumps within weeks!”

Malcolm Delph’s four-year-old son, Jake, dreamt on consecutive nights that the family would get rich because of the ‘balls on TV’. After banking £177,356 in 1998, Malcolm said: “When I came to buy my usual tickets on Saturday, something made me get some extra Lucky Dips. I must have remembered Jake rushing in shouting we had lots of money and were so rich.”

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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.

If no-one matches the six lucky numbers on Wednesday night, further history will be made as Saturday (26 January) would see only the fourth Lotto Triple Rollover in lottery history. 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.

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