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## **Come In Number 5 - Your Time Is Now**

Saturday is the 24<sup>th</sup> Lotto Double Rollover in the 13 plus years of lottery history since 1994 and despite 168 individual numbers being drawn as a main or bonus ball in the past Double Rollover draws, number 5 is yet to make an appearance.

The little white number 5 ball has never been drawn in a Double Rollover draw since the lottery began. It is way behind 15, 24, 33 and 44 which are leading the Double Rollover pack with seven appearances each.

A National Lottery spokesperson said, "Clearly any ball can appear in any draw but it is amazing to think that 5 has never appeared. If it banked you a £12 million jackpot it would certainly be a case of better late than never."

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 to go public 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 60<sup>th</sup> Lotto draw on Saturday 6 January 1996.

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If no-one matches the six lucky numbers on Wednesday night, Wednesday (18 June) 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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