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Come On Colchester – Claim Your Lottery Prizes *Second Unclaimed Prize Announced In The Colchester Area*

A total of over **£400,000** in unclaimed lottery prizes in the Colchester area are waiting to be claimed, as a Thunderball jackpot prize of £250,000 joins a yet-to-be-claimed EuroMillions prize of £167,477.30.

The National Lottery is urging players to check and double-check their tickets for the chance to claim these life-enhancing prizes, particularly as the EuroMillions ticket holder only has until 5.30pm on Wednesday 2 April 2008 to come forward to make their claim.

The search is now on to find the owner of the jackpot-winning Thunderball ticket, bought in the Colchester area, who matched the five main numbers and the Thunderball in the draw on Saturday 23 February 2008. The winning numbers on that date were 10, 14, 27, 28 and 31 and the Thunderball number was 6. The lucky ticket-holder of this second prize has until 5.30pm on Thursday 21 August 2008 to come forward to make their claim.

If no-one comes forward with the winning ticket before the prize claim deadline, then the prize money, plus all the interest it has generated, will go to the Good Causes – adding to the £20 billion already raised through sales of lottery tickets since The National Lottery launched in November 1994.

A National Lottery spokesperson said: “We’re desperate to find both the mystery ticket-holders in the Colchester area and unite them with their winnings – either of these amazing prizes could really make a difference to somebody’s life. We’re urging everyone to check their old tickets again or look anywhere a missing ticket could be hiding.

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“Try checking in the pockets of clothing, in wallets, bags and down the back of the sofa – someone out there could literally be sitting on a fortune! We have the champagne on ice and our fingers crossed that the lucky winners come forward to claim their wins.”

To jog Thunderball players’ memories, on Saturday 23 February 2008, *Rambo*, starring Sylvester Stallone, was showing at cinemas across the country, and Duffy had started her reign at the top of the singles chart with *Mercy*. Closer to home, Colchester United FC fans were contemplating their 2-1 home defeat to Bristol City in the Coca-Cola Football League Championship.

With all National Lottery draws, players have 180 days from the day of the draw to claim their prize if they have the winning ticket. Anyone who believes they have the winning ticket for any of the National Lottery draws within the 180-day deadline should call the **National Lottery Line** on **0845 910 0000**.

Anyone concerned about lost or unchecked tickets may like to consider either setting up a National Lottery Subscription, playing online at www.national-lottery.co.uk, on their mobile phone, or by using the Sky Active service on digital TV. Numbers can be entered in advance and lucky winners are notified online if their numbers come up. For further information call 0845 912 5000 or visit www.national-lottery.co.uk.

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Current Unclaimed Prizes Within The 180-Day Deadline:

Draw Date/No	Prize Amount	Area Bought	Winning Numbers	Last Date to Claim
28 September 2007 EuroMillions 190	£6,989,367.40 5+1 Star	County of Devon Area	22, 30, 34, 35, 44 Lucky Star 4, 5	26 March 2008
5 October 2007 EuroMillions 191	£167,477.30 5+1 Star	Colchester Area	11, 20, 27, 35, 44 Lucky Star 2, 5	2 April 2008
6 October 2007 Lotto 1230	£53,673 5+Bonus	Barking & Dagenham Area	5, 6, 18, 22, 24, 38 Bonus 10	3 April 2008
20 October 2007 Lotto 1234	£962,302 Jackpot	King's Lynn Area	4, 15, 25, 27, 33, 40 Bonus 20	17 April 2008
3 November 2007 Lotto 1238	£58,693 5+Bonus	Oswestry & Wrexham Areas	3, 10, 22, 25, 31, 49 Bonus 4	1 May 2008
14 November 2007 Thunderball 705	£250,000 Thunderball Jackpot	London Borough of Kensington & Chelsea	8, 10, 20, 29, 30 Thunderball 10	12 May 2008
5 December 2007 Lotto 1247	£785,425 Jackpot	Harrow Area	2, 8, 13, 18, 26, 39 Bonus 10	2 June 2008
26 December 2007 Lotto 1253	£548,030 Jackpot	Great Yarmouth & Lowestoft Areas	8, 14, 18, 23, 27, 44 Bonus 48	23 June 2008
29 December 2007 Lotto 1254	£59,212 5+Bonus	Wolverhampton Area	4, 13, 23, 28, 30, 32 Bonus 11	26 June 2008
5 January 2008 Lotto 1256	£70,092 5+Bonus	Warrington Area	2, 3, 12, 20, 33, 49 Bonus 11	3 July 2008
6 February 2008 Thunderball 729	£250,000 Thunderball Jackpot	Northampton Area	9, 10, 13, 29, 32 Thunderball 3	4 August 2008
9 February 2008 Lotto 1266	£55,639 5+Bonus	Fermanagh & South Tyrone Area	2, 14, 26, 29, 31, 40 Bonus 7	7 August 2008
9 February 2008 Lotto 1266	£55,639 5+Bonus	Manchester Area	2, 14, 26, 29, 31, 40 Bonus 7	7 August 2008
16 February 2008 Lotto 1268	£93,261 5+Bonus	Swansea & Surrounding Area	9, 18, 21, 24, 37, 48 Bonus 22	14 August 2008
23 February 2008 Thunderball 734	£250,000 Thunderball Jackpot	Colchester Area	10, 14, 27, 28, 31 Thunderball 6	21 August 2008