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For Richer, For Poorer... Plymouth Newlyweds Celebrate Tying The Knot With Lotto Win

A recently-married Plymouth couple are now looking forward to a lifetime of happiness without a single financial 'hitch' – after winning a £1,477,059 share of the Lotto jackpot on Saturday 10 May 2008.

Martin Adamson (29), a Royal Navy weapons engineer, and his new wife, Hannah (22), a student teacher, are now planning to start their future in style with the a romantic honeymoon to Las Vegas and Hawaii. After getting married on Sunday 4 May just outside Plymouth, they could not go away straight away because Martin had to attend a course. More importantly, the Lotto win means they can now afford their dream home – the lucky couple are expecting their first child in November and thought they would have to move out of their own house and into Navy quarters when the baby was born.

Martin said: "I saw the numbers come up on the TV. I thought they looked familiar but went to check them online. I called up to Hannah who was in the bath at the time. She didn't believe me when I said we'd won the jackpot. Winning the lottery has been the perfect end to a dream week. We got married, we're looking forward to the birth of our first child, and now we can buy a house and have a honeymoon too!"

Martin – who chose his winning numbers from family birthdays – has played Lotto since its launch over 13 years ago and recently switched to playing online. He now joins the interactive winners' club – and is one of the 4 million-plus winners every week on The National Lottery's range of draw-based games and Scratchcards. With over 3 million users currently registered to play, the UK National Lottery is now the world's most successful interactive lottery. The winning Lotto numbers on Wednesday 10 May were 4, 14, 18, 24, 32 and 40.

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This Wednesday's (14 May 2008) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £2.5 million, while Friday's EuroMillions Rollover jackpot is an estimated £44 million. Every Lotto 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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