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Powerball persistence pays off for Mooresville couple - Buncombe County man to pay off mortgage with \$200,000 Powerball prize - - Powerball ticket worth \$1 million sold in Greensboro -

RALEIGH – To Ted and Ida Hicks, five plus five adds up to \$200,000. The Mooresville couple has been playing Powerball every week for five years since it came to North Carolina in 2006. Last Wednesday, they won \$200,000 when their ticket matched all five white balls in the July 13 Powerball drawing. Ted Hicks said that, upon realizing the size of the prize he won, the store clerk ran from behind the counter to give him a hug.

“She was very excited,” Hicks explained. Ted and Ida Hicks each received a check for \$68,000, after taxes were withheld. They said their initial plans for their winnings were to deposit them in the bank right away. Ted purchased the winning ticket at the Quality Mart on Peters Creek Parkway in **Winston-Salem**.

Another \$200,000 Powerball prize belongs to Jesse Dotson of **Swannanoa** in Buncombe County. Dotson said that on Sunday morning, he walked into the store where he purchased his ticket for Saturday’s drawing. The clerk mentioned the store’s electronic notification system showed that a \$200,000-winning Powerball ticket had been sold somewhere in Swannanoa. He soon learned of his big win after the clerk scanned his ticket.

“I really couldn’t believe it,” Dotson recalled. The ticket matched all five white balls in the July 16 drawing to win the \$200,000 prize. Dotson said he planned to use his winnings, worth \$136,000 after taxes, to pay off his mortgage. He purchased his winning ticket at the Energy Plus on Old U.S. Highway 70 in Swannanoa.

Triad area players need to check their Powerball tickets. A \$2 Power Play ticket from the July 16 drawing matched all five white balls but not the Power Ball and is worth \$1 million. The ticket was sold at the Great Stops on West Market Street in **Greensboro**. Powerball players won 28,968 prizes from \$3 to \$1 million for a total payout of \$1,418,796 in Saturday’s drawing. Because no ticket matched all six numbers, the jackpot for Wednesday’s drawing is estimated at \$76 million if taken as an annuity, or \$40 million if the lump sum option is chosen.

Carolina Cash 5 players in Eastern North Carolina should check their tickets. One ticket matched all five balls in Sunday evening’s drawing and is worth \$339,140. The ticket was sold at Southwood Mini Mart on South N.C. Highway 58 in **Kinston**. Players have 180 days from the draw date to claim their prize.

In Friday’s Mega Millions drawing, 10,443 players won prizes of \$2 to \$10,000 for a total payout of \$70,424. Because no ticket matched all six numbers, the estimated jackpot for Tuesday’s drawing is \$43 million if taken as an annuity, or \$27.9 million if the lump sum option is chosen.

The North Carolina Education Lottery has paid out more than \$6.9 million in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday, July 14. Carolina Pick 3 players have won more than \$1.4 million. Carolina Pick 4 players have won more than \$215,000 including nine tickets that won the top prize of \$5,000. Carolina Cash 5 players have won more than \$511,000.

Winner in the July 17 Carolina Cash 5 drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown	Unknown	\$339,140	Southwood Mini Mart 1189 N.C. 58 S., Kinston

Winners in the July 16 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
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Unknown	Unknown	\$1,000,000	Great Stops #5 5412 W. Market St., Greensboro
Jesse Dotson	Swannanoa	\$200,000	Energy Plus 501 Old U.S. 70, Swannanoa
Unknown	Unknown	\$30,000	Simon's Mart 6308 The Plaza, Charlotte
Winner in the July 15 Mega Millions drawing:			
<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	Cross Creek BP Amoco 1899 Skibo Rd., Fayetteville
Winner in the July 13 Powerball drawing:			
<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Ted and Ida Hicks	Mooresville	\$200,000	Quality Mart #39 3180 Peters Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem
Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:			
<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Anthony Bratton	Dallas	\$5,000	Cash Spectacular
Kevin Davis	Morrisville	\$5,000	Quick Bucks
Richard Long	New Bern	\$5,000	Quick Bucks
Isaias Rosales	Chapel Hill	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
James Wilfong	Jacksonville	\$5,000	\$500,000 Anniversary Cash

Carolina Cash 5 Jackpot Winners Tally	
<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	409
Powerball Winners Tally	
<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$74.5 Million - \$141.4 Million	3
\$200,000 - \$2 Million	209
\$10,000 - \$100,000	1206
Mega Millions Winners Tally	
<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$12 Million and above	1
\$250,000 - \$1 Million	28
\$10,000 - \$40,000	106
<p><i>The Powerball numbers are since May 31, 2006. The Mega Millions numbers are since Feb. 1. The totals do not include unclaimed prizes.</i></p>	

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*North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.
For prizes of \$5,000 and greater, 25% federal tax and 7% state tax are automatically withheld.*