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\$349 MILLION: POWERBALL IS ON A POWERFUL ROLL

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LITTLE ROCK – This thing's on a roll! With the big Powerball jackpot not being hit last night, the jackpot for Saturday's draw climbs up to a powerful \$349 million.

Thousands in Arkansas will have their numbers ready for Saturday's 10 p.m. draw; thousands have already become winners since Powerball sales began in the state, including million-dollar winners in Lonoke, Searcy and Bella Vista, and six-figure winners in Alma, Conway, Mountain Home, Springdale, Hot Springs, Greenwood, and beyond.

Million-dollar Powerball winners:

- Lonoke
- Searcy
- •Bella Vista

Some six-figure Powerball winners:

- •Alma
- Conway
- Mountain Home
- •Springdale
- •Hot Springs
- Greenwood

Nationally, Powerball has produced 16 million-dollar winners and seven \$2 million winners in 2017 alone.

This Powerball run provides players in Arkansas a special deal through the lottery's 5 Buck Bundle – a package which includes Powerball, Mega Millions and Natural State Jackpot tickets for \$5. Besides Powerball's \$349 million level, the current national Mega Millions jackpot is \$46 million, while tonight's Arkansas-only jackpot for Natural State Jackpot is \$110,000.

(To get the Bundle, Arkansas players must simply buy a \$3 Powerball ticket with PowerPlay and a \$2 Mega Millions ticket with Megaplier to receive a free \$1 Natural State Jackpot ticket all February long. All three tickets will be Quick Picks. This promotion is not available from lottery TVMs or if purchased separately.)

About Powerball

Powerball is a multi-state national jackpot draw game with drawings held at 9:59 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. Arkansas started Powerball sales on October 31, 2009. Powerball itself began in April 1992 in 15 states with jackpots that started at a guaranteed \$2 million. Since then, Powerball has grown into one of the world's biggest and most recognizable lottery games, sold today by 47 lotteries across the nation, with players buying more than \$4 billion in Powerball tickets each year. The world record jackpot was set by a Powerball jackpot run that reached \$1.586 billion and hit in Tennessee, California, and Florida.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

Since its inception in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided nearly \$700 million for in-state college scholarships to Arkansas students, nearly \$2 billion in prizes to players, and more than \$182 million in commissions to Lottery retailers. More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in Arkansas.

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