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The \$200,000 Christmas Stocking Surprise

Scratch-Offs Players Received More Than \$101.6 Million in Prizes in January

TRENTON (April 16, 2019) – Scott Tilley of Milford is not a regular Lottery player, but gets a scratch-off in his Christmas stocking from his parents every year. He admitted that, on some occasions, he forgets to even check the tickets before tossing them out. Prior to buying the scratch-off tickets for his family's Christmas stockings this year, Scott's dad checked the remaining winning tickets for one of his favorite games, Lucky 7's. There were quite a few top prizes remaining for the game, so he decided to purchase a few tickets of the \$5 Lucky 7's game and slip one into each person's Christmas stocking.

On Christmas morning, Scott opened his stocking and started to dismiss the scratch-off ticket, but his dad was adamant that he check it before it got lost or tossed away. As Scott scratched off

the ticket, he saw a match to one of the winning numbers. He uncovered the prize from left to right, thinking he won \$2, then \$20, then \$200, before seeing the comma - indicating that this would be a \$200,000 winning ticket!

Immediately, Scott was suspicious that this was a prank ticket, assuming that was why his dad was so insistent on scratching it off. After a little back-andforth banter with his family over whether or not the ticket was real, he started to believe it was truly a \$200,000 winning ticket.



When asked if he had any plans for the prize winnings, Scott mentioned that he would love to give back to his family in any way that he could. The ticket may have ended up in his stocking, but it ended up being a Merry Christmas for the whole family.

Scott's lucky ticket was purchased at Stop & Shop #866 on Route 31 & Bartles Rd., Flemington in Hunterdon County.

New Jersey Lottery players claimed more than \$101.6 million in prizes playing scratch-off games in January. Below is a listing of the top prizes over \$10,000 won for the month.





| January 2019 Instant Game Top Tier Winner List | | | | | | | | | |
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| Name | Address | City | County | Game Number | Game Name | Prize Amount | | | |
| WAWA #948 | 1180 ROUTE 70 | WHITING | OCEAN | 1476 | Dazzling Diamond Spectacular | \$2,000,000 | | | |
| 7-ELEVEN #34275 | 40 STEINER AVENUE | NEPTUNE | MONMOUTH | 1470 | \$1,000,000 Gold Rush | \$1,000,000 | | | |
| 7-ELEVEN #11040 | 75 LEONARDVILLE ROAD | BELFORD | MONMOUTH | 1484 | Ruby Red Riches | \$200,000 | | | |
| STOP & SHOP #866 | ROUTE 31 & BARTLES RD | FLEMINGTON | HUNTERDON | 1504 | \$200,000 Lucky 7s | \$200,000 | | | |
| KENNY'S STORE | 826 MAIN ST | HACKENSACK | BERGEN | 1516 | Holiday Bucks | \$200,000 | | | |
| CIGAR AT CIBAO | 295 STATE STREET | PERTH AMBOY | MIDDLESEX | 1516 | Holiday Bucks | \$200,000 | | | |
| LARRY'S WINE & SPIRITS | 1107 BRUNSWICK AVENUE | LAWRENCEVILLE | MERCER | 1488 | Wild Time Multiplier | \$150,000 | | | |
| ACME #1069 | 520 CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD | WOODCLIFF LAKE | BERGEN | 1523 | \$150K Poker Riches | \$150,000 | | | |
| LEMES SUPERMARKET LLC | 50 FIRST STREET | ELIZABETH | UNION | 1509 | Super Crossword | \$50,000 | | | |
| COUNTRY FARMS | 59 PEMBERTON-BROWN MILLS RD | BROWNS MILLS | BURLINGTON | 1509 | Super Crossword | \$50,000 | | | |
| LA PALMA DELI AND GROCERY | 215 2ND STREET | LAKEWOOD | OCEAN | 1509 | Super Crossword | \$50,000 | | | |
| WAWA #976 | 204 HIGHWAY 35 | ABERDEEN | MONMOUTH | 1433 | Big Money Spectacular | \$30,000 | | | |
| STOP & SHOP #810 | 1600 PERRINEVILLE RD | MONROE TOWNSHIP | MIDDLESEX | 1490 | Big Money Spectacular | \$30,000 | | | |
| I & K CONVENIENCE STORE | 3109 BORDENTOWN AVE | PARLIN | MIDDLESEX | 1490 | Big Money Spectacular | \$30,000 | | | |
| SINGIN OIL | 300 HURLEY AVE | LAKEWOOD | OCEAN | 1496 | Super Tic Tac Toe | \$30,000 | | | |
| GENERAL DELI GROCERY STORE | 246 5TH AVENUE | PATERSON | PASSAIC | 1525 | Loteria | \$30,000 | | | |
| KRAUSZER'S FOOD STORE | 134 NORTH BEVERWYCK ROAD | LAKE HIAWATHA | MORRIS | 1525 | Loteria | \$30,000 | | | |
| MAPLE CHEK | 1942 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE | MAPLEWOOD | ESSEX | 1499 | Crossword | \$20,000 | | | |
| AZAN MART | 241 21ST AVENUE | PATERSON | PASSAIC | 1499 | Crossword | \$20,000 | | | |

| | | | | | Total | \$4,680,000 |
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| 7-ELEVEN #29959 | 302 PARK AVE | SCOTCH PLAINS | UNION | 1452 | \$10,000 Bonus | \$10,000 |
| WAWA #968 | 719 5TH AVENUE | GALLOWAY | ATLANTIC | 1515 | Holiday Lucky Times 10 | \$20,000 |
| SHOPRITE OF WEST DEPT. | 1077 MANTUA PIKE | WEST DEPTFORD | GLOUCESTER | 1515 | Holiday Lucky Times 10 | \$20,000 |
| KRAUSZER'S R & J FOOD STORE | 683 FLORIDA GROVE RD | PERTH AMBOY | MIDDLESEX | 1515 | Holiday Lucky Times 10 | \$20,000 |
| THE BAGELSMITH | 540 ROUTE 519 | BELVIDERE | WARREN | 1515 | Holiday Lucky Times 10 | \$20,000 |
| QUICK CHEK #63 | 410 ROUTE 31 SOUTH | RINGOES | HUNTERDON | 1515 | Holiday Lucky Times 10 | \$20,000 |
| VARSITY LIQUORS & DELI | 203 DAVIS AVENUE | KEARNY | HUDSON | 1508 | Bingo Plus | \$20,000 |
| ARCHIE'S LIQUOR | 229 MAIN AVE | PASSAIC | PASSAIC | 1503 | \$20,000 Lucky 7s | \$20,000 |
| PAL'S WINE & LIQUOR | 241 UNION AVENUE | PATERSON | PASSAIC | 1500 | Money Roll | \$20,000 |
| 7-ELEVEN #36055 | 800 RADIO RD | LITTLE EGG HARBOR TWP | OCEAN | 1499 | Crossword | \$20,000 |
| 6-12 FOOD STORE | 21 BROAD STREET | FREEHOLD | MONMOUTH | 1499 | Crossword | \$20,000 |