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Watertown Man Claims Badger 5 Jackpot

After five-year hiatus, decision to play while on grocery run nets \$61,000 prize

MADISON, Wis. – A Watertown (Dodge County) man claimed his \$61,000 Badger 5 prize Tuesday. **Bill Sumner** hit the jackpot in the Jan. 21 drawing on a ticket sold in Lake Mills (Jefferson County).

After an approximate five-year playing hiatus, Sumner recently resumed purchasing tickets while traveling as a maintenance technician. A decision to spend \$25 on a week's worth of Pick 3, Pick 4, and Badger 5 picks while on a grocery run near his home netted the big prize.

"I used to play frequently but had not played in a long time," Sumner told Lottery officials at his claim. "I was out on a quick errand to buy milk and thought I would make a few picks while at the store. There was no rhyme or reason to selecting the numbers I played."

Though he buys tickets at a variety of locations, the Badger 5 winning numbers of 3, 10, 17, 24 and 29 came from a ticket purchased at **Kwik Trip (105 Tyranena Park Rd.) in Lake Mills**. As the winning retailer, the store will receive a \$1,220 incentive based on two percent of the prize amount.

Sumner said he checked the numbers the day after the draw and without any prompting.

"I had tickets in my truck and decided to check them the next time I went into a store," Sumner explained. "When one came up with a 'claim at Lottery' message I thought, 'I think I won more than seven dollars.' I checked the numbers on my phone and started laughing when I realized I had won."

An international travel enthusiast, Sumner mentioned a few ideas for using his winnings.

"My wife and I like to travel, so we'll probably use some of the money toward that," he said. "We will probably refinance the small farm we own and I may make additional investment in the stock market."



The odds of winning the Badger 5 jackpot are 1:169,911.

ABOUT THE WISCONSIN LOTTERY

The Wisconsin Lottery enriches communities statewide by giving back 93 percent of its revenue to winners, retailers, and Wisconsin homeowners. Since 1988, the Wisconsin Lottery generated:

- More than \$14.5 billion in total revenue
- Over \$8.2 billion in prizes paid
- More than \$4.3 billion in funding for property tax credits to eligible Wisconsin homeowners

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