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## CHARLOTTE MAN CLAIMS "CAROLINA CASH 5" TICKET WORTH \$688,283 -Powerball Ticket Worth \$200,000 Sold in Durham-

**RALEIGH**—Mark Hamlin says he let out a joyous yell after realizing he'd won \$688,283 playing "Carolina Cash 5." The **Charlotte** man picked his own numbers for the Oct. 29 drawing and matched all five numbers drawn to win the top prize.

Hamlin purchased his winning ticket at Food Lion on Albemarle Road in **Charlotte**. He received \$468,032.76 after taxes and says he will use his winnings to buy a house and pay off his car loan. He will also use some for his and his fiancé's upcoming wedding expenses. Hamlin's \$688,283 prize is the third highest top prize won in the game's history.

The "Carolina Cash 5" drawing on Halloween was especially sweet with two tickets matching all five numbers to split the \$83,438 top prize. The tickets, each worth \$41,719, were sold at Handy Mart on Kingold Boulevard in **Snow Hill** and Forest Hills Family Fare on University Drive in **Durham**.

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In Powerball news, one ticket sold in North Carolina for the Oct. 31 Powerball drawing matched all five white balls and is worth \$200,000! The ticket was sold at Kangaroo Express on Hope Valley Road in **Durham** and has yet to be claimed.

In addition, one North Carolina ticket matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball and is worth \$10,000. This ticket was sold at Quality Mart on Presidential Drive in **Durham**.

A total of 40,120 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Saturday, Oct. 31 Powerball drawing ranging from \$200,000 to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$619,667. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball, so the jackpot for the Nov. 4 Powerball drawing is an estimated \$66 million.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$6.6 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday, Oct. 29. Also since Thursday, "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$812,000. "Carolina Pick 4" players have won more than \$231,000 and six tickets won the top prize of \$5,000. "Carolina Cash 5" players have won nearly \$966,000.

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Winner in the Oct. 29 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Mark Hamlin	Charlotte	\$688,283	Food Lion 9021 Albemarle Rd., Charlotte

Winners in the Oct. 31 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Annette Boyd	Stantonsburg	\$41,719	Handy Mart 1029 Kingold Blvd., Snow Hill
Unknown		\$41,719	Forest Hills Family Fare 1251 University Dr., Durham

Winners in the Oct. 31 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown		\$200,000	Kangaroo Express 4935 Hope Valley Rd., Durham
Unknown		\$10,000	Quality Mart 2007 Presidential Dr., Durham

Winner in the Oct. 3 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
James Martin Jr.	Hickory	\$30,000	Handy Stop 1500 Rock Barn Rd., Conover

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Shelly Carr	Kenansville	\$25,000	"Diamond Doubler"
Frank Arnot Jr.	Durham	\$10,000	"\$200 Million Extravaganza"
Thomas Barnes	Grifton	\$10,000	"\$200 Million Extravaganza"
Jugraj Gill	Durham	\$10,000	"\$200 Million Extravaganza"
Wayne Martin	Norlina	\$10,000	"\$200 Million Extravaganza"
Rosa Blount	Plymouth	\$5,000	"\$200 Million Extravaganza"
James Meares Jr.	Asheville	\$5,000	"\$200 Million Extravaganza"
Bobby Rowe Jr.	Aurora	\$5,000	"\$200 Million Extravaganza"
Samantha Scarlett	Southern Pines	\$5,000	"\$200 Million Extravaganza"
Charles Swain	Columbia	\$5,000	"\$200 Million Extravaganza"

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<b>“Carolina Cash 5” Top Prize Winners Tally</b>	
<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	247

  

<b>Powerball Winners Tally</b>	
<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	158
\$100,000 - \$10,000	973

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,  
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

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*100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, 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 withheld.*