

WCLC Lotto 6/49 & Lotto Max Data: Sources, Mechanics, and Extraction Strategy

A. Official Data Source Table (URLs, Coverage, Reliability, Update Frequency)

Source	Data Provided	Coverage	Update Frequency	Reliability & Notes
WCLC Official Archives	<p><i>Since Inception</i> downloadable lists for Lotto 6/49 and Lotto Max (formatted as printable XLS/PDF). Includes all draw results, including bonus and special draws (Guaranteed/Gold Ball for 6/49, MaxMillions for Lotto Max).
• Lotto 6/49 Archive – All draws from June 12, 1982 onward ¹ ² .
• Lotto Max Archive – All draws from first draw Sep 25, 2009 onward ³ (includes MaxMillions under each draw).</p>	<p>Lotto 6/49: 1982 to present (full history).
Lotto Max: 2009 to present (full history).</p>	<p>Updated immediately or shortly after each draw. WCLC notes a potential slight delay to ensure accuracy across regions ⁴ . In practice, archives are kept current to the latest draw (e.g. the 6/49 archive showed June 11, 2025 draw next day ⁵).</p>	<p>Official source (WCLC) – Highly reliable. These are the reference numbers used by WCLC; any discrepancies are resolved in favor of official WCLC records ⁶ . Data is comprehensive (includes special draws). Format is semi-structured text (print-friendly page). Parsing required to convert to CSV.</p>

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Provincial Lottery Sites	<p>Provincial lottery websites (OLG, BCLC, ALC, Loto-Québec) publish winning numbers. Often via interactive pages or PDFs:</p> <p>
• OLG (Ontario) – Web interface to check past results ⁷ ⁸ . No direct bulk download; likely requires scraping or using their internal API (if accessible).</p> <p>
• BCLC (BC) – PlayNow site lists current and past results ⁹ ¹⁰ , but also not in a simple CSV.</p> <p>
• ALC (Atlantic) – Similar web archives on alc.ca ¹¹ .</p>	<p>All cover full history of national games (since those games' inception) for their region, but often segmented by year or last X draws on the site. E.g., OLG's site allows selecting year or range for 6/49 past draws.</p>	<p>Per draw basis – updated after each draw (on draw night or next morning). Each provincial site updates for national draws in real-time (after ILC releases the results).</p>	<p>Official regional sources – Reliable and authoritative. However, no easily downloadable bulk files (data is behind web interfaces). Scraping them is possible but more complex (dynamic content). As backups, they confirm the same winning numbers. OLG/WCLC also have mobile apps and subscription services, but those are for ticket checking, not bulk data export.</p>
Interprovincial Lottery Corp (ILC)	<p>The coordinating body for national lotteries. No public-facing data portal; relies on provincial members to publish results ¹² . Occasionally provides press releases or PDFs for game changes, not raw data.</p>	<p>N/A (ILC doesn't publish draws directly to consumers).</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Not a direct source for data retrieval. Use provincial channels above for official numbers.</p>

Notes: All official data is subject to game rules and disclaimers (e.g. “In the event of a discrepancy... official winning numbers shall prevail” ⁶). The WCLC “since inception” archives are particularly useful for a one-time download of the entire history of winning numbers. They are essentially official spreadsheets printed to PDF/HTML – ideal for comprehensive analysis (just requiring parsing). Reliability is excellent; these are the numbers used for prize validation.

B. Third-Party Data Source Table

Third-Party Source	Data Provided & Format	Coverage & Updates	Terms & Reliability Notes
Lottery Canada (lotterycanada.com)	Comprehensive Canadian lottery results aggregator (all major games). Provides latest winning numbers and an archive of past draws. It historically offered results via website and even mobile apps/Twitter updates.	Coverage: Claims full history for national games (since 1982 for 6/49, 2009 for Lotto Max). Archive likely accessible via website (year-wise or searchable). Updates: Near real-time updates after draws (unofficial).	Reliability: Generally good for quick results, but not an official source . They have been operating since 2002 with a strong track record of accuracy (and even social media presence) ¹³ . Still, the site data is unofficial; always verify critical analysis against official sources. No explicit API; data scraping of their HTML or RSS (if available) is needed.
GetMyLottoResults / LottoNumbers / Lotto.net (e.g. getmylottoresults.com, ca.lottonumbers.com, lotto.net archives)	User-friendly archives: they present historical winning numbers by year or last X draws. For example, GetMyLottoResults has a year dropdown for full history ¹⁴ . Lotto.net and LottoNumbers provide archives and even prize breakdowns ¹⁵ ¹⁶ . Format is HTML tables.	Coverage: Typically full history or at least many years. E.g., Lotto.net shows archives year by year (1982–present for 6/49) ¹⁶ . Updates: Updated promptly after each draw. These sites are maintained for lottery fans and usually update the same night.	Reliability: Generally accurate, but use with caution . They gather data (likely from official sources) but errors, while rare, can happen. They are not official publications, so include disclaimers (“unofficial results”). Suitable as a convenient backup or to cross-verify. Terms usually allow personal use of data shown, but scraping large amounts may violate site terms – check each site’s policy.

Third-Party Source	Data Provided & Format	Coverage & Updates	Terms & Reliability Notes
Kaggle Datasets (e.g. <i>Canada 6/49 Lottery Results</i> on Kaggle)	User-contributed datasets in CSV format. For example, Kaggle has a dataset of Lotto 6/49 draws (3,665 draws from 1982 to 2018) ¹⁷ and another updated to 2020 ¹⁸ . These are ready-to-use CSV files. Some Kaggle entries also include Lotto Max data or analysis notebooks.	<p>Coverage: Often historic data up to a certain date (not live updating). E.g. one dataset covers 1982–2020 ¹⁸. Lotto Max datasets exist (likely covering 2009–2019).
</p> <p>Updates: Static – updated when the contributor uploads new data. Not guaranteed to include the most recent draws (may stop at 2018 or 2020, etc.).</p>	<p>Reliability: Generally good for historical analysis. Data usually sourced from official results, but verify random samples. Kaggle datasets are for research/educational use ¹⁸. Check the dataset description for any known issues. Since these are shared by individuals, there is no official guarantee. Use Kaggle for jump-starting your project with historical data, then plan to update via another method going forward.</p>
LottoDatabase.com (Lotto Database)	An online database of lottery results with a focus on historical draws and statistics. Provides web pages for each game's history by year, and summary stats. For 6/49, it lists every draw by date (six numbers + bonus) and even game changes described ¹⁹ ²⁰ . No direct CSV download, but the data is nicely formatted on pages.	<p>Coverage: Full history (e.g., all 6/49 draws since 1982, sorted by year ²¹ ²²; all Lotto Max since 2009).
</p> <p>Updates: Appears to be updated promptly after each draw for current data (the site had draws up to June 2025 listed ¹⁰).</p>	<p>Reliability: High quality unofficial source. They explicitly mention game rule changes and reflect them (e.g., they note skipping Gold Ball/ Guaranteed numbers in their main data, focusing on main draw only ²⁰ ²³). It's useful for analysis of main numbers.</p> <p>Unofficial but run by enthusiasts; they provide an RSS feed for updates and disclaim accuracy. Scraping multiple pages would be needed for full export.</p>

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Commercial Lottery APIs / Feeds (e.g. LotteryFeed, etc.)	Paid services offering data feeds in JSON/XML for lotteries worldwide ²⁴ . These aggregate results for many lotteries including Canada's. Useful if willing to pay for convenience.	Coverage: Varies by provider – usually full history plus real-time updates for current draws. Updates: Real-time or near real-time, as part of the service.	Reliability: These services are professional and updated regularly, but require a subscription or fee . For a personal project, this may be overkill unless automation and reliability are critical. They come with usage terms (commercial use allowed for paying customers).

Notes: When using third-party sources, always weigh the convenience vs. trust trade-off. They can save time (pre-formatted data, perhaps APIs), but **cross-verify critical data points with official results** especially if you detect any anomalies. Also be mindful of terms of use: personal analysis is usually fine, but republishing data or heavy automated access might be restricted. For example, Kaggle data is open for analysis but subject to Kaggle's license (often CC0 or CC BY), and websites like LottoNumbers might request that you not scrape aggressively.

C. Draw Mechanics & Rule Change Notes

Lotto 6/49 Mechanics: Lotto 6/49 is a national 6-out-of-49 lottery drawn twice weekly (originally once a week on Saturdays, expanded to Wednesday & Saturday in 1985) ²⁵ . Six main numbers and one bonus number are drawn. Key changes over time:

- **Jackpot Structure Changes:** Until 2022, the **jackpot was variable** – starting at a minimum (\$2M, then \$5M after 2013) and growing each draw if not won ²⁶ . In 2013, a **Guaranteed Prize Draw** of \$1M was introduced (each ticket got a unique code; one code wins \$1M every draw) ²⁷ . This raised the ticket price to \$3 and set a fixed \$5M starting jackpot ²⁸ . In September 2022, the game fundamentally changed to include two components: a **Classic Draw** (fixed \$5 million top prize for matching 6/6) and a **Gold Ball Draw** (the new form of the guaranteed prize) ²⁹ ³⁰ .
- **Gold Ball Draw Logic:** Under the new format, each \$3 play still gives a unique raffle number for the draw. Now, however, the raffle has a chance at a **progressive “Gold Ball” jackpot**. Essentially, there are 30 balls (29 white, 1 gold) in a second draw machine/RNG: if a white ball is drawn, the raffle winner gets a \$1M prize; if the gold ball is drawn, they win the Gold Ball Jackpot (which starts at \$10M and grows by \$2M each time a white is drawn and the jackpot not won) ³¹ ³² . One ball is removed each draw when white is drawn, so the probability of the gold jackpot being won increases over time. By design, **at latest by the 30th draw** the gold ball will be the only one left, guaranteeing the big jackpot hits (maximum ~\$68 million) ³³ ³⁴ . After a Gold Ball win, the sequence resets (new

sequence starts at \$10M with 29 white, 1 gold). This means the **main 6/49 game no longer has rollover jackpots**; the excitement comes from the Gold Ball accumulating.

- **“Exact Match Only” Raffle:** Both the old Guaranteed \$1M and new Gold Ball raffle are *exact-match only* draws (no partial matches). **Super Draws** (special events) occasionally occur, where multiple guaranteed prizes are awarded in one draw. For example, some draws have 10× \$1M raffles (WCLC archive explicitly lists additional “Super Draws” raffle numbers on those dates) ³⁵ ³⁶. These are announced in advance (“Superdraw”). Data gotcha: on those dates, there are multiple winning raffle codes to capture.
- **Additional Add-on:** In Western Canada, **“Extra”** is an add-on game (similar to “Encore” in Ontario). WCLC’s archives list the winning Extra number for each draw date as well ¹ ³⁷. Extra is a separate 7-digit number draw; it does **not** affect 6/49 outcomes, but it appears in the data. (Other regions call it Encore/Tag; each province draws its own, so WCLC’s Extra applies to Western Canada tickets). For analysis of 6/49 winning numbers, Extra can be ignored – but be aware of that column.

Lotto Max Mechanics: Lotto Max is another national game, launched in 2009 to replace Super 7 ³⁸. Key mechanics and changes:

- **Format:** Pick 7 numbers out of 50 (originally out of 49; changed to 50 in May 2019) ³⁹. One bonus number is drawn for secondary prizes. Jackpots start at \$10 million and **cap at \$70 million (raised to \$70M in 2019, and \$80M in 2024)** ⁴⁰ ⁴¹. Draws are weekly on Fridays, but as of May 2019 a second weekly draw (Tuesdays) was added ³⁸ ⁴¹.
- **MaxMillions:** When the main jackpot reaches \$50 million, additional **MaxMillions** draws are conducted. For each extra \$1M available in the prize pool, a separate draw of 7 numbers (out of the same 50) is done, with its own \$1 million prize ⁴². These MaxMillions draws are **entirely separate** from the main jackpot draw – they are bonus draws that only occur when the jackpot is high. Each MaxMillions is an exact-match game (7/7 to win \$1M, no lesser prizes). Multiple MaxMillions can be in a single drawing (e.g., if the jackpot is \$60M, there are 10 MaxMillions draws of \$1M each on top of the \$50M main draw). If MaxMillions prizes are not won, they roll over to form part of the next jackpot or future MaxMillions count ⁴² ⁴³.
- **Data Representation:** MaxMillions present a *data challenge*: the main winning numbers for Lotto Max are straightforward (7 numbers + bonus). But on draws with MaxMillions, there are numerous additional 7-number sets. The WCLC “since inception” archive handles this by listing each MaxMillions draw immediately after the main draw for that date ⁴⁴ ⁴⁵. For example, Oct 30, 2009 had 10 MaxMillions draws; the archive shows “Maxmillions Draw #1 ... #10” and their 7 numbers ⁴⁴ ⁴⁶. Third-party sources vary: some might ignore MaxMillions or list the count of MaxMillions but not all numbers. If you need every number drawn, the official archive is essential. If you only analyze the main draw, you can ignore MaxMillions lines.
- **RNG vs Ball Machine:** Both Lotto 6/49 and Lotto Max switched from mechanical ball draws to a digital Random Number Generator in May 2019 ⁴⁷ ⁴⁸. This doesn’t affect the numbers from a data perspective, but it’s a background fact (for completeness). Results are still published in the same format; the draw method changed for efficiency.

- **Draw Schedules:**

- **Lotto 6/49:** Every Wednesday and Saturday evening, approximately 9:30–10:15 PM Central (draw is executed by ILC; publishing follows shortly after). No skips for holidays – draws occur consistently, though if a draw falls on a major holiday, occasionally the draw time might adjust slightly. The data files show consecutive dates aligning with the schedule (e.g., in early years only Saturdays until mid-1985, then Wed/Sat) ²⁵.
- **Lotto Max:** Every Tuesday and Friday evening (since 2019; prior to that, only Fridays). Draw time ~9:00 PM Central on those days.
- **Result Corrections:** It is exceedingly rare for published winning numbers to be corrected. In modern history, no known cases of a wrong number being posted on official sites for these national draws (they have rigorous verification). If any discrepancy occurs (e.g., a misprint on a website or newspaper), the official draw record prevails ⁶. WCLC's disclaimer covers this. In practice, you won't need to worry about "changed results" – a draw result is final once validated. However, be aware of **game changes** like those above (which mean older data isn't directly apples-to-apples with newer data due to different rules, especially for jackpot/raffle structure).

D. Alternative Extraction Approaches (Non-Scraping)

While HTML scraping of official websites is one approach, there are alternative methods to obtain draw data more robustly:

- **Direct Download of Official Files:** Leverage the WCLC "since inception" files as a pseudo-API. For example, the Lotto 6/49 archive URL is accessible and could be fetched programmatically ¹. You might fetch that URL and parse the content for new draws instead of scraping a changing web page. Similarly, check if other regions provide downloadable files (e.g., BCLC or OLG sometimes have PDFs or Excel files for specific years; if available, those could be used). Even though it's not a JSON API, a structured text file updated by the lottery corp is less likely to change format often, making it a stable target.
- **RSS Feeds or Email Alerts:** Some lottery websites or news outlets offer RSS feeds of winning numbers. While WCLC's site does not advertise an official RSS, third-party sites like LotteryCanada or LottoDatabase have RSS for lottery news/results ⁴⁹ ⁵⁰. Subscribing to those could provide a stream of the latest results which you could parse. Similarly, sign up for lottery **email newsletters** – OLG, for instance, allows subscription for news (not sure if they email winning numbers, but some regions might). If WCLC's **MVP Service** emails winning numbers to members, that's another channel (though likely they just announce promotions).
- **Public Data Portals:** Check if any open data portals publish lottery results. In Canada, this is uncommon for winning numbers (open data tends to cover financials or demographic stats, not lottery draws). A search did not reveal any official government open dataset of winning numbers. However, some have had luck requesting data via **Freedom of Information** for lottery-related stats. As a personal project with authorization, you might directly **contact WCLC or OLG's media relations** – they might provide historical data in a friendly format if asked. WCLC's Media Centre or "Contact

Us” could be a route (especially if you explain it’s for analysis, they might share a CSV of historical draws).

- **Use of APIs (Unofficial):** Some provincial sites have internal JSON APIs powering their web pages. For example, OLG’s web page that shows past results likely calls an endpoint (possibly something like an AJAX request for results by date). By inspecting network calls (via browser dev tools), you might find a URL that returns results in JSON or XML. If it exists, using that directly would be far cleaner than HTML scraping. (This requires a bit of reverse-engineering; be mindful of terms of use – if it’s not a documented public API, it could change or be rate-limited without notice).
- **Google Sheets or Cloud Functions:** A creative approach if you want to avoid hosting a scraper continuously is to use Google Sheets or a small script to fetch data periodically. For instance, Google Sheets’ `IMPORTHTML` or `IMPORTXML` functions can scrape a table from a URL. One could set up a sheet to pull the latest numbers from a known source (like the WCLC page showing the last few draws) and even use Apps Script to send alerts. This offloads maintenance to Google’s platform, though it’s a bit hacky and limited in flexibility.
- **FTP or Bulk Data from Vendors:** Some lottery data vendors (like SmartLuck or LotteryFeed) allow downloading entire datasets (SmartLuck provides `.SLH` files as seen on their site ⁵¹ ⁵²). While their proprietary format isn’t immediately usable, they often mirror the data in text form inside. If one were desperate to avoid web scraping, one could download those and parse them. However, given SmartLuck’s files are meant for their software, this is only if you already use their system.
- **APIs of Lottery Apps:** There are mobile apps (e.g., the Lotto Spot app by WCLC ⁵³ or OLG’s app) that check tickets. These might use an API in the background to get winning numbers. In some cases, developers have sniffed such API endpoints. For example, a community developer might find that hitting `api.olg.ca/draws/LOTT0649?date=YYYY-MM-DD` returns JSON (hypothetical example). If you find documentation or forum posts about such endpoints (Reddit or GitHub can be resources ⁵⁴), you could use them. This avoids HTML parsing and tends to be more stable as data is structured. Again, caution: if not officially open, these could be changed or require API keys. Use ethically.
- **Web Scraping with Resilience:** If none of the above fully replace scraping, you can still scrape but do it in a **resilient, configurable way**. This means: design your scraper to *easily update selectors or URLs*. For example, instead of hard-coding an HTML element path that could break, identify elements by more stable attributes (like find the date and numbers via known text patterns or table positions). Use try-catch to handle unexpected page changes. You can maintain a small config file mapping “page section names” to HTML selectors, so if WCLC redesigns their site, you update the config rather than rewriting code. Also consider scraping multiple sources in parallel: e.g., fetch WCLC and a backup site; compare results as a validation.

E. Recommendations: Best Source, Backup, and “If All Else Fails” Strategy

Primary Source – Official WCLC Archives (Best for History): For a robust solution, start by **downloading the official WCLC “since inception” data** for each game. This gives you a clean, authoritative historical

dataset in one go. WCLC's files cover everything (including bonus draws) ¹ ⁴⁴ . You can parse these into your own database or CSV. This addresses the initial bulk of data with high confidence in accuracy.

Ongoing Updates – Official Site Parsing or Hybrid Approach: Once you have historical data, for new draws you have a few options: - **Option 1:** Continue using WCLC's archive pages. For example, you could periodically re-fetch the 6/49 inception page and check if new lines have appeared at the end (since it updates each draw). Because the file is large, you'd want to parse efficiently (perhaps read from the bottom for new entries). This ensures you always stay official and up-to-date. The overhead is minimal (the 6/49 file is ~160 pages text ⁵⁵).

- **Option 2:** Use an **official API or feed if available**. If you discover a JSON endpoint from OLG or an RSS from a reliable source, use that for automation to reduce parsing complexity. For example, OLG's site might allow querying draws by date (though it may require an authenticated session – to be determined). This could provide structured data that's less likely to break with site redesigns. - **Option 3:** As a backup, have a **third-party source ready**. For instance, if for some reason WCLC's site is down or late to update, you could scrape LotteryCanada or LottoNumbers for the latest draw. This redundancy ensures your tool still gets the data. However, treat third-party as **read-only backup**, and always reconcile with official results when possible.

Maintenance & "Gotchas": Document any quirks in the data for future maintainers (even if that's your future self). For example, note that "starting September 2022, the WCLC 6/49 file has an extra code column with W/G indicating White or Gold ball outcome" – so when parsing, don't misinterpret that. Likewise, highlight that Lotto Max's file intermixes MaxMillions results, so your parser should distinguish main draw lines from MaxMillions lines (perhaps by context or by counting 7 numbers vs 7 plus "Draw #" text). By clearly commenting these in code or docs, the tool remains understandable.

Legal and Ethical Considerations: Since this is an internal/personal analysis project, using the data is fine. Just avoid any usage that might violate terms (e.g., don't publish the data raw on a website if the source forbids it). For personal analysis, both official and third-party sources are generally okay to use. If you automate data fetching, do it responsibly (e.g., if scraping, respect robots.txt if present, and don't hammer the site – once per draw is enough).

Summing Up – Suggested Workflow: Use official data as the gold standard and primary input to your analysis tool. Set up a scheduled job for draws (Wednesday, Saturday for 6/49; Tuesday, Friday for Lotto Max) that: 1. Checks WCLC (or an API) for new winning numbers. 2. Cross-verifies with a secondary source (optional but good for sanity check). 3. Appends the new draw to your dataset.

This way, your tool always stays current with minimal manual intervention. In case of any prolonged outage of the primary source, you can temporarily switch to the backup (and note the reason, then switch back when resolved). Given that WCLC and provincial sites are quite stable, this approach should serve well.

F. Appendix: Sample Data & Resources

• **WCLC Lotto 6/49 "Since Inception"** – *Official archive of winning numbers.* **URL:** *WCLC > Winning Numbers > Lotto 6/49 & Extra > Past Winning Numbers > "Since Inception".* (Accessible via WCLC site's print view) – for example, the first few draws from 1982 are listed as: ¹ . This file includes columns: Date, 6 Numbers, Bonus, Guaranteed/Gold Ball draw code, and Extra number. *Sample snippet:* June 12, 1982 draw: numbers 3-11-12-14-41-43, Bonus 13 ¹ .

- **WCLC Lotto Max “Since Inception”** – *Official archive for Lotto Max.* **URL:** Similar location on WCLC site. Includes all main draw numbers plus a listing of every MaxMillions draw on lines following the main draw when applicable ⁴⁴. *Sample snippet:* First draw Sept 25, 2009: numbers 5-17-19-25-31-38-46, Bonus 04, Extra 4957792 ³⁷. On a draw with MaxMillions (e.g., Nov 6, 2009), after the main numbers, lines like “Maxmillions Draw #1: 1-3-10-24-31-32-42” are included ⁴⁴.
- **Kaggle 6/49 Dataset** – *User-provided CSV.* For example, “**Canada649 lottery Results**” on Kaggle by user Donmuyi, covers 1982–2020 ¹⁸. It comes as a CSV with columns like Draw Date, and the six winning numbers (bonus might be included depending on dataset). *Note:* Does not include the new Gold Ball info (ends before 2022 change). Good for quick use in Python (just `pandas.read_csv()` after download). Always double-check the last few entries against official sources to ensure no off-by-one errors or missing draws.
- **Screenshot – WCLC 6/49 Recent Draw (Gold Ball example):** Below is a snapshot of WCLC’s “Past Winning Numbers” page showing a recent draw with Classic and Gold Ball results ⁵ ⁵⁶. You can see the Classic draw numbers, and the Gold Ball section indicating the winning raffle number and that a White ball was drawn (meaning the \$1 million prize was awarded, and the jackpot grows). This illustrates how the data is presented on the site for each draw:

Screenshot: WCLC Lotto 6/49 past draw showing Classic draw numbers and Gold Ball draw outcome (white ball, \$1 million prize)

- **Contact Info for Data Requests:** WCLC’s “*Contact Us*” page ⁵⁷ and *Media Centre* may be used if you need to inquire about data. OLG’s website also has contact channels. While it’s not guaranteed they’ll provide a custom dataset, as an authorized internal analysis, you might get guidance. (For instance, OLG might direct you to their “Download Game Conditions” PDFs which sometimes include historical summaries or to their data team). Always clarify the data will be used responsibly.
- **Game Rules & Technical Docs:** For a deep dive into rules, each lottery has official game conditions. E.g., OLG and WCLC publish PDF rule books (prize structures, odds, etc.). These might not list all draws, but help interpret data (like how to handle bonus, how Gold Ball works in legal terms). For example, WCLC’s “*LOTTO 6/49 – Game Conditions (after Sept 2022)*” and similar for Lotto Max. These are available on provincial sites (often in “About > Game Rules” sections).
- **Sample Code Snippet (Parsing WCLC Data):** (*If relevant to include*) Below is a pseudo-code outline for parsing WCLC’s 6/49 inception file in Python:

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import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

url = "https://www.wclc.com/display-on/display-on-downloads/lotto-649-
since-inception.htm?channel=print"
res = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(res.text, 'html.parser')
lines = soup.get_text().splitlines()
for line in lines:
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# Each draw appears as a line with date and numbers
# We can identify lines by date pattern, then parse numbers.
...
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This would iterate through and extract date, numbers, etc. (In practice, a regex for dates like `\w+ \d{1,2}, \d{4}` can find the start of each draw line.)

By following the above guidance, you should be able to build a robust lottery data tool. You'll combine the trustworthiness of official data with the convenience of third-party backups, all while understanding the context (game changes and quirks) behind the numbers. Good luck with your analysis project!

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