

A winner in the crowd at first lottery drawing

Lights were flashing. The band was playing. And David Nail won \$100. It all took 20 minutes.

Nail may not have been the first Illinois State Lottery player to win but he was the first to be identified in a crowd of about 500 who gathered at the State Fairgrounds today to watch Gov. Dan Walker and other state officials

pick the first lucky lottery numbers.

Nail, from Springfield, is an electrician. He purchased four tickets last week at the Gas House Tavern.

He won the weekly lotto by matching four of the two-digit numbers selected from spinning spheres with four numbers from his lottery ticket. At least five other \$20 lotto winners were iden-

tified in the crowd. They matched three numbers.

Shortly before the first numbers were selected, State Revenue Director Robert Allphin announced that first week lottery ticket sales set a record for all operational lotteries in the nation. He said sales are expected to top 7.5 million. The previous record was set in Pennsylvania, where 6.9 million were sold.

Demand for tickets was so overwhelming, Batch said, that an additional 2 million had to be printed for a total of 13 million in circulation. Not all of those are expected to be sold.

The deadline for participation in today's drawing was noon Tuesday. Those who purchased tickets after that date will be playing for the Aug. 15 drawing, also at the fairgrounds.

Batch also announced Wednesday a daily lottery drawing exclusively for those who purchase tickets during fair week, Aug. 9-18, from licensed agents on the fairgrounds.

Each evening at 7:30 during the fair, 10 winners will be selected. One will take home \$1,000 and the others will win \$100.

On Aug. 17, the top prize will jump to \$5,000 for some lucky gambler.

Throughout the week any person participating in the daily lottery at the fair stands to double his winnings if he or she attends the drawing in person.

Win or lose, any ticket purchased at the fairground is good for the regular weekly lottery drawing.

Today's drawing will produce winners for the Weekly lotto with prizes of \$20, \$100 and \$5,000. It also will produce number combinations which will qualify ticket holders for the Weekly Bonanza drawing to be held Aug. 15, and for the Millionaire Game to be held after 30 million tickets are sold.

Briefly, here is how to win:

Each ticket provides three chances for different games.

To win \$20 in the Weekly Lotto, ticket holders must match at least three of the five two-digit numbers selected with those appearing on the appropriate place on their tickets. Match four of the two digit numbers and win \$100. Match all five and the prize is \$5,000.

To qualify for the weekly bonanza, ticket holders must match both of the three digit numbers on their ticket with any two of three three-digit numbers selected. Qualifiers will be notified and invited to a special drawing next week where they will be eligible for prizes up to \$300,000.

For the Millionaire Game players must match both of the three-digit numbers on their ticket with any two of the three selected.

The same three-digit numbers will be used for both the Weekly Bonanza and the Millionaire Game.

Millionaire qualifiers win an immediate \$500.

While it is possible to win the top prize in the Weekly Lotto, the Bonanza and the Millionaire Game, the odds are 1 in 750,000,000,000,000,000 against it.

One stands a better chance of being struck by lightning — 1 in 1,350,000.



Gov. Dan Walker draws the first winning number in the Illinois State lottery in above photo. Looking on are, left to right, Charles (Chick) McCuen, lottery master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Walker.

Showers, storms?

Partly cloudy and warm with a chance of some showers or thunderstorms is the forecast for tonight; low in the mid 60s. It'll be partly sunny and continued warm Friday with a chance of thunderstorms; high in the mid 80s. Precipitation probabilities: 40 per cent tonight, 50 per cent Friday. Details on page 17.

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