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NEAR-HIGH RECORD FOR *TEXAS TWO STEP*[®]; ODDS ARE GOOD TO WIN MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR JACKPOT

(AUSTIN) - It's been five months since the *Texas Two Step*[®] jackpot hit its all-time high at \$2.9 million. For Thursday night's drawing, the game has reached its third highest level, \$1.95 million, meaning players have great odds of cashing in on some big money. The odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 1.8 million and overall odds of winning any prize are 1 in 32.

"It's anyone's jackpot to win, provided players purchase a ticket. One big reason to play; if one ticket matches all the numbers for Thursday's drawing, the prize would be paid in a single payment," said Anthony J. Sadberry, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "*Texas Two Step* has many options that players may find appealing. Besides the great overall odds and odds of winning a jackpot, the remaining prize tiers offer large cash prizes."

Texas Two Step experienced an increase in sales for the lottery's 2006 fiscal year. Total sales were more than \$47 million, up 5.1 percent from 2005.

"Sales (*Texas Two Step*) so far for the new fiscal year, which started September 1, are really keeping in line with the fact that the jackpot is at a near high," said Sadberry.

Players choose four numbers from a field of 35 and a Bonus Ball from a second field of 35 numbers. Drawings are held every Monday and Thursday evening at 10:12 p.m.

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