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# FOOTBALL FAN FROM ODESSA WINS SEASON TICKETS IN FIRST DALLAS COWBOYS DRAWING

(AUSTIN) – Football fan Christy Ruple of Odessa claimed one of 20 pairs of Dallas Cowboys 2010 season tickets awarded in a recent second-chance drawing for the *Dallas Cowboys* instant game. One game in particular, though, has her really excited. Having moved to Texas from the Philadelphia area, she hopes to see the Cowboys play the Eagles.

Ruple says, although she was very surprised to hear about her win, she has no qualms about the road trips to Dallas.

"It's like five hours, but that's okay. I have a brand new car."

The \$5 *Dallas Cowboys* scratch-off ticket offers players a chance at cash prizes up to \$100,000. Players also have the opportunity to win exciting Cowboys merchandise and once-in-a-lifetime experiential prizes to

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be awarded in second-chance drawings held throughout the run of the game. To enter, players can fill out the back of any non-winning ticket, affix a first-class stamp and mail the entry to the address printed on the ticket.

"With 10 top prizes of \$100,000 unclaimed and four more secondchance drawings to come, the *Dallas Cowboys* scratch-off ticket continues to be a popular game among our players," said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. "Innovative games, like this one, help us in our efforts to raise money for the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in the state of Texas."

Tonight's *Mega Millions*<sup>®</sup> jackpot is worth an estimated \$145 million. Tomorrow's *Lotto Texas*<sup>®</sup> jackpot is worth an estimated \$67 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup>, please visit the official Web site at http://www.txlottery.org.

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