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The History Of Lottery

By Adel Awwad

Lotteries have been with us for a long time. They go so far back that they're mentioned in the Bible, and Caesar himself is known to have encouraged lottery games in Rome to help pay for repair work that needed to be done in the city. Legend has it that even the Great Wall of China was paid for by the proceeds of lottery games.

In medieval times, Europe was a hotbed of lottery activity. In 1420, residents of the French town of L'Ecluse decided to follow Caesar's lead by using a public lottery to help raise money; this time to increase the town's defenses. Charitable causes prompted officials in the Belgium city of Bruges to hold a lottery in 1466 to raise money for the poor and needy.

In the early 16th century, the Italians caught lottery fever when they introduced the idea of a 'number' lottery in Florence. Interestingly, the word 'lottery' is thought to originate from the Italian 'lotto', which simply means "fate".

Royalty caught on to lottery's moneymaking potential in 1520, when King Francis I of France held the first ever state lottery. The proceeds went to the Royal Court. Forty years later, in the 1560s, lottery fever crossed the English Channel when Queen Elizabeth I decided to hold her own state lottery to raise money to improve England's ailing harbors. Her Majesty's prizes included tapestry and money.

The lottery gained in popularity in England over the next two centuries. The British Museum in London, today one of the finest in the world, was actually started on the proceeds of a lottery in 1753.

Lotteries were particularly popular in the New World in the 18th century. Benjamin Franklin used one to pay for the cannons that helped win the American War of Independence, and they were also used to pay money to the army. The Mountain Road, one of the key routes into the west from Virginia, was paid for with a lottery organized by George Washington.

Individuals were fond of them too; Thomas Jefferson (the third U.S. President) sold most of his property through a lottery scheme. Many of America's historic colleges and universities were initially set up with the proceeds of lotteries. Most notably, these include many of the universities in the

prestigious Ivy League.

Within the last couple of centuries, lotteries have been legalized and implemented in pretty much every country in the world. As the numbers of people playing become bigger, so do the prizes; a jackpot in the USA's Big Game lottery in 2000 reached \$363 million.

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Winning Lotto – 10 Things You Absolutely Must Know Before You Buy Another Lottery Ticket

By Terry Fisher

1. There IS an incredibly simple way to lower Lottery Odds.
2. The odds in, for example, a 6–49 lottery are 1–in–13,983,816.
3. Play all 49 lottery numbers - and you are GUARANTEED to have one ball correct. And it only requires 9 games. Even the 59–ball New York Lottery only requires 10 games.
4. Win just one ball guaranteed correct, your Lottery Odds have now fallen from 1–in–13,983,816 to 1–in–1,712,304 - A reduction of over TWELVE Million! And all this with a technique that takes 5 minutes and costs under \$10.
5. The most probable lottery result has three odd lottery numbers and three even lottery numbers (33.3% of the 13,983,816 combinations are of this type)
6. A lottery result with no consecutive numbers occurs just over 1–week–in–2 on average (50.5% of the 13,983,816 combinations are of this type)
7. Your lottery results can be boosted using games with three high lottery numbers and three low lottery numbers (33.3% of the combinations are of this type)
8. The most probable lottery result will have no lottery numbers from the previous week (43.6% of the 13,983,816 combinations) or only two lottery numbers from the previous week (41.3% of the 13,983,816 combinations)
9. Constructing your games using these rules - and using all the numbers in your lottery - is the simplest, easiest, quickest way to improve your lottery results.

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10. A 49-ball lottery has been used as an example - but the concept applies to all lotteries, with just slight changes in the percentages. In the Lottery, it's true that anything is possible - but some things are more probable than others!

This lottery article was submitted by Terry Fisher, CEO of LottoMasta International, and is an extract from his book "Winning Lotto Secrets." His website <http://www.lottery-books.com> provides an analysis of the best lottery books on the 'net, ranked from 1 to 10.

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