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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Three Matched Five to Win Big in Powerball**

On Wednesday night, North Dakota scored another big-winning Match Five Powerball prize, worth \$200,000. This is the third time in three months that a Powerball Match Five prize was won in North Dakota. The latest winning ticket, sold at Wally's Supermarket in Grafton, was claimed at the lottery headquarters in Bismarck yesterday.

The winner, who chose to remain anonymous, played the lottery even before it came to North Dakota. "I used to have people buy Powerball tickets for me in South Dakota before the lottery came to North Dakota," said the lucky winner.

The prize money will be put to good use, as the couple plans to hand out some generous Christmas presents to their children and will save the rest for retirement. "My wife always asked me, 'why do you keep buying those tickets?' Well, now she won't be saying that anymore," said the winner.

The first \$200,000 winning ticket was purchased for the August 1 draw at Sunmart, located at 3175 25 Street in Fargo, and the second winning ticket was purchased for the September 2 draw at Osgood Hornbachers in Fargo. None of the winning tickets was purchased with Power Play. If a Powerball Match Five Prize is purchased with the Power Play option for an extra dollar, it is worth one million dollars, no matter what the multiplier is. Although the winning ticket was not purchased with Power Play, the winner said he feels extremely blessed to win the \$200,000 Powerball prize.

Because the Powerball jackpot also was hit on Wednesday, the jackpot returns to \$20 million for Saturday's drawing.

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