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No Horsing Around Here – Daily Derby® Player Wins \$1+ Million

SACRAMENTO – With multiple billion-dollar jackpots recently, the California Lottery’s *Daily Derby* has been a bit of a dark horse among the Lottery’s eight draw games. That was until player Andrew Lechkobit picked up a ticket at Marina Liquors in Seal Beach (Orange County), and the game hit its stride, breaking the million-dollar jackpot mark.

In this equine-themed game, players choose three fictional horses to clinch the positions of first, second, and third, alongside predicting the race time. Lechkobit’s ticket matched Gold Rush for first place, Big Ben for second place, and Lucky Charms for third place, with a time of 1:41.89. His prize wound up being \$1,025,973. Lechkobit then trotted on over to one of the [California Lottery offices](#) to claim his prize.

“I am very grateful for winning. I play the Lottery often,” Lechkobit told the California Lottery. “I play *Daily Derby* most often. I love it!”

California Lottery players aren’t horsing around when it comes to helping raise money for public schools with *Daily Derby*. Sales for that game alone contributed an estimated \$18.6 million to public education in California for the most recent fiscal year.

Players who want a shot at [joining the winner’s circle](#) can find *Daily Derby* tickets at any of the California Lottery’s [23,000+ retail partner locations](#). Tickets are two dollars each, with drawings every evening.

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The California Lottery’s mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, which amounted to a modest percentage of education’s overall budget. However, this funding is largely discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated more than \$8.8 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. If you feel you have a gambling problem or know someone who does, you can get free confidential help by calling the California Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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