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LUCKY DUNDEE BINGO PLAYER SCOOPS £50,000 JACKPOT

Just under two weeks after Mecca Dundee Douglasfield reopened its doors on 17 May, one lucky bingo player entered the Bank Holiday weekend by claiming a life changing £50,000 on the National Bingo Game.

The winner, named Jade Gorthy, was enjoying an evening out at Mecca Bingo Dundee Douglasfield when all her numbers came up and the evening took an exciting and unexpected turn, as she called “house” on the National Bingo Game.

The 27-year-old support worker, who has been playing at Mecca Bingo for nearly 10 years, decided to pop in for an evening of bingo with her partner and two friends just as the restrictions got lifted and the club reopened. Jade’s partner first won a small jackpot during the evening before she successfully claimed what she first believed to be a Jackpot of £1,000, but turned out to be a whopping £50,000.

Jade said: *“I was so happy when I realised I had won, and what a surprise when I realised the Jackpot was actually 50 times higher than I first thought! I think the entire club heard me screaming. As soon as I won I called my grandad, he couldn’t believe it.”*

Jade revealed that she would like to use her winnings to find a place to live with her partner, and that it’s given her hope after what has been a hard year.

James Watson, General Manager at Mecca Dundee Douglasfield, said: *“It’s always a fantastic moment when someone calls house on the National Bingo Game, and it feels even better knowing it’s so soon after we could finally reopen our doors. We’re absolutely thrilled for Jade, who has been playing for years. £50,000 is an incredible prize amount and we’re delighted.”*

Alastair Stewart, Business Development Manager at the National Bingo Game, said: *“We are thrilled for the lucky National Bingo Game £50,000 winner at Mecca Dundee Douglasfield, and hope that she enjoys the winnings. It just goes to show that you can win big at bingo and that entertainment is back!”*

To find a participating club and for further information on the **National Bingo Game** visit www.nationalbingo.co.uk, or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/NationalBingoGame) and Twitter.com @nationalbingo.

All players must be aged 18 or over. The National Bingo Game is played under the provisions of The Gambling Act 2005 and played under National Bingo Game Players’ Rules. Players should always gamble responsibly. For more information and advice visit www.BeGambleAware.org

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About The National Game

- The National Bingo Game started in 1986, with the current format launched on 30th April 2018
- The new National Bingo Game is a Full House only game and offers players the following prizes:
Club Prize – won in every club, on every game
Jackpot Prizes of £50,000, £1,000 and £100
- To win a Club Prize a player must be the first in their participating venue to successfully complete a full house.
- To win a Jackpot Prize a player must be the first in their participating venue to successfully complete a full house as follows in the following number of calls:
16 numbers or less to win £50,000
20 numbers or less to win £1,000
24 numbers or less to win £100
- Tickets for the National Bingo Game are £1 for 2 tickets OR £2 for 5 tickets
- Total prize money paid to date by the National Bingo Game is over £1BILLION!

- The National Bingo Game is the UK's second largest computer controlled game in the UK, the national lottery being the largest
- The National Bingo Game is played twice a day, every day, 364 days a year
- Around 270 clubs across the UK offer the National Bingo Game, including Gala, Mecca, Majestic, Castle, Carlton and Beacon, in addition to a wide range of independent clubs
- National LIVE is a linked interval game also provided the National Bingo Game Association.
- Over three million people play bingo regularly in the UK (at least twice a week)
- A night out at the bingo can cost as little as £15-25 each, including game books, duty, food and drink
- Most common reasons for playing bingo are because it's fun: it offers companionship and the chance to socialise as well as winning cash prizes
- Celebrities love bingo! Catherine Zeta Jones can thank bingo for her career after her dad won enough to afford to send her to theatre school; other celebrity fans include: Denise Van Outen, Scott Mills and former President Barrack Obama's step-mother!
- A number of celebrities started their careers in bingo, including Chris Tarrant, Simon from boy band Blue, East Ender's Shane Richie, Russell Crowe and Kian from West Life.

About Mecca Bingo

Owned by the Rank Group Plc, Mecca Bingo is one of the largest Bingo and Slots operators in the UK.

Mecca provides entertainment across its UK wide venues as well as online which includes free to play as well as paid games, plus bingo rooms that raise funds for charity partner Carers Trust.

Mecca Bingo has a firm commitment to safer gambling with a range of tools and support services to ensure that customers can always keep it fun. These include deposit limits, reality checks and take a break as well as direct support from the customer care team.

For further information on retail venues and online play go to: www.meccabingo.com

Rank's operations principally comprise:

Grosvenor Casinos – The UK's largest multi-channel casino operator. 52 casinos in Great Britain;

Mecca – Rank's multi-channel community-based gaming brand for the British market. 72 bingo clubs in Great Britain;

Enracha – Rank's community-based gaming business for the Spanish market. Ten bingo clubs in Spain;

Rank Interactive – Rank's UK digital business operates a multi-branded strategy, using a combination of its proprietary and non-proprietary licensed software to provide online bingo, casino and slot gaming; and

YoBingo – A leading online bingo operator in Spain.

For more information about The Rank Group Plc, visit www.rank.com