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Crossword Scratch-Offs Win Big *Colossal Crossword Prizes Claimed; Bonanza Pays Off*

TRENTON (Dec.23, 2024) – Big prizes in the Colossal Crossword and Crossword Bonanza Scratch-Off games were won last week.

On Dec. 16, a player won the top prize of \$600,000 in the Colossal Crossword, purchased at Krauszer’s on 101 North Broadway in the Middlesex County city of South Amboy. The previous day, on Dec. 15, another player won the same game, purchasing a ticket at a 7-Eleven on 290 South Summit Ave., Hackensack in Bergen County. One top prize in the game remains.

“That’s all I play the Crossword. I don’t know what it is about it. It takes longer (so it’s more fun). It’s that sweet spot of playing,” the Hackensack player said. “At first, I thought I won \$500. Oh, great. That’s nice. Then I was walking and playing and I thought. Huh, it might be \$2,000. Then another word. ...That’s another one! It was (developing slowly). Then I thought ‘That’s \$10,000.’ At that point I’m in shock. I probably sat and looked at it for like 20 minutes.”

On Dec. 20, a \$400,000 top prize was won in the Crossword Bonanza game. The ticket was sold at Garden State News at 456 Broadway, Bayonne in Hudson County. That was the game’s third and final top prize.

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