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## Two Men and a Baby... And A £100k Lottery Win

A Belfast couple plan to celebrate their big lottery win with wedding bells next summer. Alan Watson (30), and his partner Patrick McDonnell (23), will be able to tie the knot Jordan and Peter Andre-style after Alan won £100,000 on a National Lottery scratchcard.

The windfall came as Alan and Patrick paid a visit to Patrick's newborn niece Sarah-Rose at the Belfast Royal Jubilee Maternity Hospital on Tuesday (20 September). On a quick visit to the hospital's shop, they cashed in an old scratchcard with a £1 prize. Instead of taking the money, Alan claimed another scratchcard, leaving it to the shop assistant to choose the game.

Alan explained: "The assistant picked the game with a £100,000 top prize which, in fact, is the one I normally play. I scratched the card as I was leaving the shop and I couldn't believe it when the three £100,000 amounts came up."

Patrick said: "It's been a real double celebration – first the birth of Sarah-Rose and then Alan's huge win."

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Alan plans to continue with his job as manager of a sandwich outlet in Belfast City Airport. He and Patrick, a trained chef, now plan a summer wedding next year – “this is a terrific wedding present,” said Alan. The win will also mean the can buy a house together, and take a holiday in the USA.

Alan said: “This fantastic win has given us the opportunity to have the sort of wedding celebration we’d always dreamed of. We want to have the biggest party we can, inviting all our friends and bringing family over from England.

“Patrick’s a really big fan of Jennifer Lopez – she’s had a few weddings so we might get some tips from her! Peter Andre and Jordan seemed to have a great time at their wedding, although we probably won’t go quite as far as they did, we’d need a few million for that I reckon!”

Alan won his prize on the £100,000 scratchcard. Priced £1, the game is one of the most popular National Lottery scratchcards, and is a version of the first ever scratchcard launched in the UK in March 1995. The game is reissued regularly in different colours with more prizes.

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