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Sales for Lottery's Million Dollar Draw are over Odds of winning \$1million are now...wow!

(Madison) —When sales of the Wisconsin Lottery's Million Dollar Draw game began in March, players who purchased one of the game's \$10 tickets had the best odds ever of winning \$1 million.

Now, with the sales period over, those who got themselves a ticket have even better odds than before.

Million Dollar Draw began with 500,000 tickets available and 511 prizes: One \$1 million prize; ten \$100,000 prizes and 500 \$1,000 prizes. So, with one ticket purchased and all tickets sold, a player's odds of being the million dollar winner were 1:500,000. The odds of winning \$100,000 were 1:50,000. The odds of winning \$1,000 were 1:1,000.

But not all 500,000 tickets ended up selling. The final count is 345,635. So armed with just one Million Dollar Draw ticket the odds that you'll be the game's million dollar winner have now dropped to 1:345,635. And the odds that you'll win at least \$1,000 are 1:676.

Just how good is that? A Million Dollar Draw ticket holder's chances of winning a prize are much better than his chances of :

- Dying in a fireworks mishap (1:26,400,000)
- Being bitten by a shark (1:8,000,000)
- Becoming possessed by Satan (1:7,000)
- Cutting himself shaving (1:6,585)*

That's some good news, right there.

Even the tired, standard line, "You've got a better chance of being hit by lightning than winning the lottery," can't be trotted out in regards to this game. The odds of getting zapped are about 1:575,000.

The Million Dollar Draw will be conducted May 1st .

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** from the book "Life: The Odds (And How to Improve Them)," by Gregory Baer*