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Saratoga Casino and Raceway finished the last fiscal year with \$163.5 million in net winnings, a \$5 million increase that broke a three-year streak of stagnant gambling at its 1,700 video lottery terminals.

The results, posted on the <u>New York State Gaming Commission</u> website, are from April 2015 to March 2016, the state's fiscal year.

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A casino spokeswoman pointed to two major reasons why the net win increased: the introduction of blackjack and three-card poker electronic table games, and milder winter weather compared to last year.

"The first quarter's weather was much kinder than last year's first quarter," said <u>Rita Cox</u>, spokeswoman.

The \$163.5 million in net winnings was a 3.1 percent increase over the previous fiscal year, and

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the highest total since the casino opened in January 2004.

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