

Russian Woman Makes \$6,500 Betting on German 7:1 Football Win Against Brazil

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Germany's Philipp Lahm (R) consoles Brazil's Oscar after the 2014 World Cup semi-finals between Brazil and Germany at the Mineirao stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Capitalizing on Brazil's resounding sporting defeat, a Russian woman won 223,000 rubles (\$6,557) by correctly guessing that the South American nation would be trounced 7-1 by Germany on Tuesday.

The win was reported on Facebook by an employee of Russian search engine Yandex, who identified the winner as a colleague.

The woman bet just 100 rubles (\$2.94), which indicates odds of 2,230 to 1 — even worse than what the British bookies were offering, according to The Guardian.

Four Brits bet on the unprecedented result of the World Cup semi-final against odds ranging from 300:1 to 500:1, the British newspaper reported Wednesday.

Britain outmatches Russia for risk-takers: Only three people in Russia bet on the 7-1 outcome, Brazil's worst defeat in history, the Russian winner's colleague said.

The man later deleted his post, but not before confirming its authenticity to The Moscow Times. His information could not be independently verified as he declined to provide further information or identify the bookmaker.

Russia could have faced off against Germany in the last 16 of the ongoing FIFA World Cup in Brazil if it had made it through the group stage. That did not happen, as the Russian side, which will be the host nation at the 2018 World Cup, lost to Belgium and failed to overcome Algeria and South Korea.

"Thank God we did not have to face Germany," ran the sentiment on Russian social networks, with some users speculating that the score of that potential game could have reached double digits.

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