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Twitter Outcry After Russian Footballers' Champagne Party

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@naran_official / Twitter

Russian social media has reacted angrily to videos showing two of the country's footballers partying extravagantly in Monaco just days after the national team crashed out of the UEFA EURO 2016 tournament.

Alexander Kokorin, 25, and Pavel Mamaev, 27, were filmed smoking hookah and drinking champagne as the Russian national anthem played, sparklers sparkled and confetti flew in an exclusive Monte Carlo nightclub. According to reports, they ran up a staggering drinks bill of 250,000 euros ($276,000).

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> ПАТИМЕЙКЕРы #ТакойФутболНамНеНужен pic.twitter.com/6LEyZvOm7r
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> — N A R A N (@naran_official) 5 июля 2016 г.

> Kokorin and Markin faced public condemnation▣after their indulgent evening became known.
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> The pair's antics were a double insult to fans▣who had suffered through the team's abject failures on the field:▣"Spitting in the face of the supporters. Part 2."

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> "Как плюнуть в лицо болельщикам. Часть 2". Пособие от Кокорина и Мамаева. #ТакойФутболНамНеНужен
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> — Daria (@CherryKami) July 5, 2016

State Duma deputy Nikolai Valuyev vented on Twitter: "Mamaev and Kokorin will be remembered for their miserable performances at EURO 2016 and the champagne. The spillage could have payed for a Russian's pension."

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> Горе-игроки Мамаев и Кокорин запомнятся игрой на Евро 2016 и шампанским, брызги которого равны ср.статист.пенсии в РФ. Кальян прилагается.
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> — Валуев Николай (@NickValuev) July 5, 2016

"Kokorin and Mamaev return from the nightclub full of remorse."

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> Кокорин и Мамаев вернулись из ночного клуба и полны раскаяния #сборнаяроссиипофутболу pic.twitter.com/G6cLrzaXwN

— Кирилл Легков (@klegkov) July 5, 2016

Some drew comparisons with the wholesomeness of Russia's past sporting greats like legendary goalkeeper Lev Yashin
, saying, "give us back our football."

"Lev Yashin relaxing after winning the 1960 European Championship. Kokorin and Mamaev relaxing after elimination from the 2016 European Championship.

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Верните нам футбол #ТакойФутболНамНеНуженhttps://t.co/dpucCQKewu pic.twitter.com/3V9lNV59I9

— Sports.ru (@sportsru) July 5, 2016

Some suggested that such scenes might inspire youngsters to play the game: "Seeing the parties the players go to, every schoolboy will be taking up football."

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А ведь сколько мальчишек, узнав о вечеринке Мамаева и Кокорина пойдут в футбольные секции!!!

— Аркадий (@mefodij1973) July 5, 2016

The Russian public was generally unimpressed. "There are guys in the park who drink more but they're actually better at football."

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#ТакойФутболНамНеНужен

У нас пацаны во дворе больше бухают, но в футбол и то лучше играют.

— Фандомный Утюг|худею (@PomidorWatsona) July 5, 2016

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