

Handball: 200,000 euros later, Macedonia sent packing

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200,000 euros paid for by the Macedonian Government to send fans to Sweden. Money well spent!

The Olympic games in London are all but a dream for Macedonia's handball team who earlier today lost to Sweden 27-23.

Another subpar performance by the red and yellow who believed they would go to Gothenburg and ease themselves into the Olympic games.

Behaving like celebrities, while the Hungarians and Swedes were locked up in their hotels drawing up strategies, the Macedonian national team was doing the rounds in Gothenburg, visited "Maki Tourism" where they gave autographs and took pictures with the diaspora. After the Sweden match, they had scheduled a party for 300 kr per person at a local Macedonian restaurant.

This was all organized by the always unprofessional Mak Handball federation. Kire Lazarov, who is rightfully considered a handball God failed to realize he could say "No" to the nonsense planned by the federation. Instead of doing the rounds in Gothenburg, Lazarov could have simply said "We need some peace and quiet ahead of the Sweden match", but he didn't.

After the loss to Hungary, Lazarov claimed "Nothing is lost, our heads are high, we will beat Sweden, we are going to London".

Easy there chief UnrealisticallyOptimistic, I assume now your heads are down? Or are they still high?

To be even more embarrassing, Hungary called in a 42 year old Peres, while Sweden brought in ancient Anderson who both single handedly turn the score in their favor.

Everyone is surprised that we did not win both matches, right? We were very clever on offense. Lazarov passed the ball to Mojsovski, he passed it back to Lazarov who passed it back to Mojsovski. We couldn't get through any defense even when we had extra players on the court, which in itself is more than embarrassing.

Borko Ristovski who was dubbed "Minister of Defense" during the Euro championship will be surely demoted to foot soldier after his sorry performance on goal.

The Hungarian and Swedish coach both did their job... and stopped Kire Lazarov.

Coach Zoran Shundovski, who incredibly did not get fired after the European championship was the same old himself, clueless. Never called a timeout when Macedonia badly needed it, failed to think of a single strategy how to best utilize the fact that Lazarov will be double teamed which freed up other players. Widely known as a "silent letter" among fans due to the fact he isn't allowed to say anything to the players, Shundovski appeared to be vacationing in Sweden. This was evident in the run up to the olympic qualifications, during the friendly matches against Romania. A good coach would have sounded the alarm during those two friendlies, when nothing seemed to function.

I will not be speaking about the players. Stoilov, Dimovski (needs to lose 20kg), Mirkulovski, Mojsovski (please visit a gym), Alushevski, Lazarov, Markovski... They all proved one thing, Hungary and Sweden are better than us.

Many expected because of our fans, we'd win, but in reality the Macedonian fans (phalanx) can only support the team, they don't play on the court. //Pero Stamatovski {moscomment}