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Milner and co on target

Manchester City footballers enjoyed Las Vegas style fun to raise a fabulous £130,000 for three major charities

Manchester City footballers turned out in style to support their team mate James Milner's charity bash.

'What Happens in Vegas' was held at EventCity and hosted by James and his partner Amy Fletcher in aid of his charitable foundation. The event featured a line-up of some of Britain's finest entertainment mixed with a few Vegas favourites. Guests included Frank Lampard and his fiancée Christine Bleakley, MCFC and England goalie Joe Hart, as well as David Silva, Jesus Navas, and Martin Demichelis among many more.

They were treated to a champagne reception before making their way to the main event where each area was themed to represent some of Las Vegas's most famous landmarks, including the MGM Grand, The Bellagio Fountains and Caesar's Palace. The occasion, organised by award-winning events company Entertainment Today, was attended by over 600 guests who enjoyed dinner while

being entertained by a tribute to Las Vegas resident performer Celine Dion, alongside star of ITV2 show Tricked, Ben Hanlin.

After a charity auction, chart-topping indie band The Kaiser Chiefs took to the stage. The crowd went wild for the eccentric performance, fronted by The Voice judge Ricky Wilson. Guests didn't have time to relax as this was swiftly followed by a stunning performance from the 2008 X Factor winner, Alexandra Burke who stepped in, with only 24 hours' notice, to replace Ruth Lorenzo who had to pull out due to illness. Guests also enjoyed dodgems, waltzers and a casino.

The event raised a staggering £130,000 for The James Milner Foundation which benefits three charities: the NSPCC, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research and the Help for Heroes fund.

The James Milner Foundation promotes healthy recreation for the benefit of young people by the development and provision of opportunities in sports, in particular football, rugby and cricket. ■

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1. James Milner and his partner Amy Fletcher at their 'What Happens In Vegas' charity ball 2. Jesus Navas and his wife Alejandra Moral 3. Samir Nasri with his girlfriend Anara Atanes, Bacary Sagna and his wife, Ludivine 4. Vincent Kompany 5. The Kaiser Chiefs on stage 6. Gael Clichy 7. Frank Lampard 8. Room shot at EventCity 9. David Silva 10. MCFC's Martin Demichelis and his wife, Eva 11. MCFC and England goalkeeper Joe Hart and his fiancée, Kimberley Crew